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Black in variety, coal black, blue black, jet black, dark violet, purplish black.

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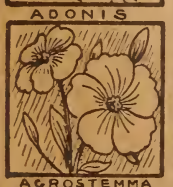

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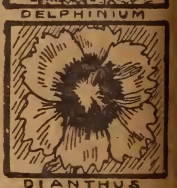

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Which neither "toil nor spin"!
Yet all the gold of earthly kings
Could not such beauty win!
O Children of the Father's care,
His tender love and true,
Let this sweet thought sink in each heart,
"I am God's Lily, too"!



He made your soul like Lilies fair,
White as the drifting snow;
And breathed upon it His own life;
Its pulses set aglow!
He painted the red rose of health
Upon your winsome face;
With hope's glad song attuned your lips,
Gave rounded form of grace.

Twin stars of truth He made your eyes,
To read His gleaming page,
To note the wonders of His hands
And brighten darksome age.
Your lightsome dancing feet He gave,
To run in duty's way;
And clever little hands to help
In work as well as play.

Be tender, little heart, and true,
In hours of joy or gloom:
Like Lily, which in shade or sun,
Gives still its sweet perfume.
Be faithful, little hands and feet,
Bright eyes and tuneful tongue;
God smiles not on the royal robes
Of gold and purple spun.

For all the gold of earthly kings
Could not such beauty win,
As crowns the Lily of the field,
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Foster Centre, R.I., Aug. 13, 1910. L. P. L.



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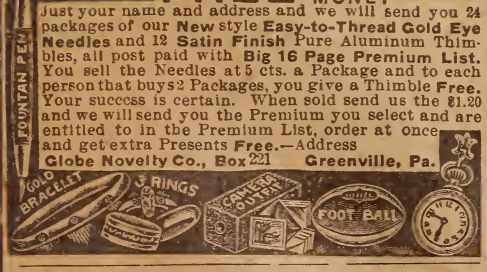
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Mr. Park:—I wish you could see my flower-garden. I have a fine lot of Bananas, Caladiums and Cannas. My Dahlias are also fine. I find your Magazine a great help. It is certainly the best paper of its kind published. C. H. Wilson.

Marion Co., Tenn., Aug. 8, 1910.

Mr. Park:—I have a way of saving the copies of the Floral Magazine from being lost and torn. I use a bookbinder that may be purchased for 25 cents, I remove all the advertisements, and so combine all the reading matter into a very interesting volume. I place 12 Numbers or more, if so desired, in one binder. I have taken your Magazine for 15 years, and find many helpful hints. Mrs. Dickerson.

Westfield, N. J., July 24, 1910.

Dear Mr. Park:—I have read your Floral Magazine for several years, and could not get along without it. I have derived much benefit from it, and always refer to it when I wish information regarding the culture of any plant. I enjoy the editorial letters so much. I wish to say a word about "flower beggars". They ask for the choicest blossoms or a slip of your finest plants. These cuttings I have often given, and later, when I called at their home, they tell me that the things died, or that they had no patience to fool with flowers, though they loved them very much. I found I had spoiled the effect of my plants to gratify their wish, momentarily. I have tried to get these same people to club in an order, and they would utterly refuse. Mrs. P. E. Wade.

Bell Co., Texas, Sept. 10, 1910.

From Virginia.—Dear Editor:—I appreciate your Magazine so much that I become impatient before its arrival. I find that I could not do without it. I live on a farm and we raise lots of flowers. We prize your Magazine because it tells of so many ways to arrange our flowers and care for them, and it acquaints us with many new and rare varieties. I would like to exchange postals with some of the flower-loving friends.

Annie Neas.

Colemans Falls, Va., Sept. 3, 1910.

From Mississippi.—I live in the sunny South, southern Mississippi, but we are anxious to sell out and move to Florida. The Boll weevil reached us last year, and for that reason we have been unable to sell as yet. My husband's health is bad, and I feel that a change of climate will do him good. Now, I would like to hear from the Florida sisters regarding the Florida climate, and what they raise there. Mrs. Laura B. Smith.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

From California.—Mr. Park:—I have just finished reading your little Magazine, and will say that I think it is growing better and better each month. I am not a native of California, but came from the middle West six years ago. I think we appreciate the verdure and bloom of California more than the people who have always been accustomed to it. Santa Cruz is an old mission town, 80 miles south of San Francisco, on the north side of Monterey Bay, and look in any direction, you may see beautiful green mountains, or the breakers rolling in from the grand Pacific. From my home I look across the Bay to the mountains back of old Monterey, and sometimes they are capped with snow, while my Cineraria and Pelargoniums and many other tender plants are gaudy with bloom. Then, on this side of the Bay the mountains come down to bathe their feet in the very waters almost. In easy walking distance, one may find in the gulch Woodwardias as much as 8 feet tall, beautiful Maidenhair and Finger Ferns, and such a variety of beautiful forest trees, the most interesting of which are those of California Redwood, Sequoia Semper virens, some specimens of which are more than 3000 years old, supposed to be the oldest things living on the earth today. Standing under their majestic grandeur one realizes that "The Groves were God's first Temples" indeed. Very beautiful are the wild Azaleas that bloom in such profusion most of the year.

Santa Cruz, Cal. Mrs. Emma Lasswell.

Birds and Insects.—Scientists are generally agreed that birds are Nature's great check on the excess of insects and that they maintain the balance between plant and insect life. Ten thousand caterpillars, it is estimated, could destroy every blade of grass on an acre of cultivated land. The insect population of a single cherry tree infested with aphides has been estimated by a prominent entomologist at no less than twelve million. The bird population of cultivated country districts has been estimated at from seven hundred to one thousand a square mile. This is small, compared with the number of insects, yet, as each bird consumes hundreds of insects every day, the latter are prevented from becoming the scourge they would be but for their feathered enemies.—Whitewater Register, Wis.

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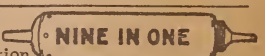


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Beaver Isle, Mich. May O'Donnell.

MOTHÆR WRENS' COMPLAINT.

They built us a house as snug as could be,
And hung it high up 'mid the boughs of a tree;
The entrance so small in our wee house was made,
No hostile sparrow our home could invade,
With joy we viewed the wee birds in the nest,
No parent-birds were more richly blest.

But grief came to us, 'tis sad to relate,
I tremble te think of our little ones' fate,
In our twittering joy we attracted a foe,
A cat that belonged to the big house, you know,
Slyly watched as our young had just started to fly,
Fiercely pounced on my darlings, ne'er heeding my cry.

I have lost my dear babies, my world and my all;
Kind friends, please heed a bird's plaintive call,
Was it kindness in giving such shelter as that,
So alluring a home within reach of a cat?
If you loved me, why did you entice me to stay
Near so deadly an enemy? Tell me, I pray.

Ellen M. W. Sherman.

Manistee Co., Mich., July 23, 1910.

DOES A KITTEN THINK?

As I look out of my window,
Watching the busy street,
I feel, creep softly up my back
My kitten's little feet.
He quietly sits beside me
And watches the crowd pass, too;
Sometimes he will turn around
And give a quiet little mew.

They tell me kittens do not think,
That kittens do not know;
But that my kitten surely thinks,
He plain to me does show.
He knows that when the doorbell rings
There's someone at the door;
He goes and hides quite out of sight,
Till they are gone, he's sure.



And in the morning early,
Before I ope my eyes,
He comes up here beside me,
And gives those little cries.
Why does he with his little paw
Reach out and pull my hair?
Why does he do this, tell me,
If he does not know or care?

Sometimes when playing with me,
He may scratch or bite too rough,
I've only to say "you hurt me",
That is sure to be enough.
They may tell me kittens don't think,
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NOVEMBER.

November's chilly days are here again,
And earth is void of wind and drizzling rain,
While falling, rustling leaves are everywhere,
And restful silence comes with skies so fair.
We greet the Aster blue and Hazel bloom,
And reckon not with autumn's mellow gloom,
For in the field we see the Pumpkins smile,
And in the shock the golden Corn awhile;
We listen to the autumn song-birds' glee,
And thank the Hand that gave our joys so free.

St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 4, 1910. Albert E. Vassar.

LACHENALIA TRICOLOR.

A RARE AND BEAUTIFUL winter-blooming bulb or plant for the window or conservatory is Lachenalia tricolor, shown in the illustration. The bulbs are not large, but when potted in good, porous soil, leaving the crown protruding, then watered and placed in a dark closet for several weeks, they will become well rooted, and will quickly throw up a fine spike of lovely drooping flowers when brought gradually to the light. They are as easily cared for as those of the Narcissus or Hyacinth, and are as sure to bloom. The odd, tubular flowers show a medley of colors, and last for many days when kept in a cool place after they develop. If the ease with which this plant can be grown, and the chaste beauty of the spike of bloom were better known, there would be a big demand for the bulbs among those who are fond of rare and choice flowers. They are especially adapted for window culture, on account of the fact that they are sure to bloom under ordinary treatment, and are generally admired for their rarity and beauty when the trusses are fully developed.



LACHENALIA TRICOLOR.

THE AMAZON LILY.

EUCHARIS AMAZONICA, commonly known as Amazon Lily, is a bulbous Plant that requires a rather warm place, but will bloom well in a greenhouse or conservatory if some attention is paid to the temperature, avoiding sudden changes, and keeping the atmosphere moist by the evaporation of water. Properly cared for the plant will bloom several times a year, affording a fine display of their waxy, white, Daffodil-like flowers, and making the surrounding air redolent with perfume.

A dozen bulbs may be placed in a large pot of soil composed of turfy loam, fibrous peat or woods soil, with some horse-manure and crushed charcoal mixed. Firm well, and water as required. Set the pots in a window with an even temperature and partial exposure to the sun's rays.

Do not disturb afterwards, except when necessary. Let the pots get well filled with roots, and then apply liquid manure freely. Thus treated you will not need to rest the bulbs as many persons recommend, and a clump of the plants in a large pot will seldom be without flowers. It will be beneficial at times, when growth seems inactive, to water sparingly, but the free use of liquid manure later will insure a free development of buds and flowers. Avoid draughts of air, and do not let the soil dry out. If the pots are placed in larger ones, with sphagnum moss between, it will preserve the moisture in the soil. It may take several years to grow good clumps, but such, by the free use of liquid manure and proper regard to temperature, will bloom abundantly and almost continuously.

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A Fern Dish.—In preparing a Fern dish place a layer of broken crock or coarse gravel in the bottom, cover this with a layer of sphagum moss, then fill the dish till within three-fourths of an inch of the top, using a compost of leaf-mould, fibrous loam, sand and well-rotted manure. In this plant your Ferns, which should be of the dwarfer varieties. After setting the plants press the soil firmly, then water, and give the dish a cool, well-lighted window, but avoid direct sunshine and a hot, dry atmosphere. Sprinkle often and apply water only when the soil appears to be rather dry, then water freely. A hot, dry atmosphere is injurious to most of the Ferns, as well as a soggy, wet soil. Free drainage is essential.

Root Lice.— Mrs. Field, of Wisconsin, had four large beds of choice Asters, and only a few plants bloomed. On pulling the tops up she was surprised to find the roots covered with lice. Had she watered the plants with hot (nearly scalding) tobacco tea, quassia chips tea, or soapsuds, a few times, the pest would have been eradicated. Do not apply over the foliage, but on the soil around the plants. To reach the roots more effectually remove the soil around the plants to where the roots appear.

Erigeron speciosus superbus.—This hardy perennial is highly spoken of in an English journal, as follows:

"Last year this was one of the most conspicuous of hardy plants for continuous flowering, in spite of weeks of uninterrupted sunshine. The intense heat proved trying for most plants, but this Erigeron scarcely suffered. It is so thoroughly free and vigorous, that it is worth getting a good bold mass of it in the garden, the plants thriving well in ordinary soil and full exposure. The flowers are large, purplish blue, and orange-colored in the center."

Mildew and Aphis.—To keep the foliage of a Rambler Rose from being troubled with mildew or aphis, spray the foliage with a weak solution of lime and sulphur in soluble form—say in the proportion of one part solution to twenty-five parts water. This will slightly whiten the foliage, but will not prove injurious. It should be applied promptly, before the foliage is affected seriously by the pests.

ABOUT REX BEGONIAS.

IN POTTING REX BEGONIAS be very careful not to set the plants too deep, as the leaf-stems will rot off at the surface, and the plants will die if the crown is beneath the surface. In starting plants from the leaf use mature leaves, cut away the margin, then remove all of the stem but an inch, which insert in moist sand almost to the leaf. Keep in a shady place and keep the soil moist but not wet. Thus treated roots will soon form, and the young plants can be potted. Rex Begonias require partial shade, loose, porous soil with good drainage, and a moist atmosphere.



REX BEGONIA.

Protecting Figs.—In Holland Figs are grown out doors, and protected in winter by excavating at the side, leaning the trees into the trench, and covering with soil. In England the plants are grown against a south or east wall, and when winter comes the branches are unfastened and wrapped with straw. In America the trees are hardy south of Virginia, but need protection further north, which can be given by wrapping well with heavy paper, thus excluding rain and cold winds. In the colder northern states the plants can only be kept over winter by growing them in tubs or large pots, and placing in a frost-proof or partially heated room during the severe weather.

Pæonia arborea. — Under this name the shrubby or Tree Pæony is known in some catalogues. Plants are easily raised from seeds, but the seeds do not germinate promptly, often lying dormant for two years before starting. The plants are perfectly hardy without protection, but start early in spring, and unless then given some protection the flower-buds are injured, and the beauty of the blooming period is ruined. A box or barrel turned over the plants on frosty nights in spring will be ample protection for the buds.



PÆONIA.

Remedy for Blight.—Perhaps the best remedy for blight is the Bordeaux Mixture (see page 135 July Magazine). It can be applied to affected Roses, Dahlias, Pæonies, Lilies and other plants subject to such disease. It is a liquid, and should be applied with a syringe. A mixture of equal parts sulphur and fresh-slaked lime is also a remedy. It is applied by placing the material in a porous sack, and shaking it above the foliage.

THAT LOG CABIN AGAIN.

SEVERAL MONTHS ago an illustration was given of a Log Cabin, built by one of the readers of Park's, in the rear of the flower garden, bordering on Lake Michigan. This Cabin has been found a source of much pleasure, as it is amply surrounded by vines and foliage plants and flowers, and affords a delightful view of the great lake, and is fanned in summer by its soft, cool breezes. It is a summer resort ever at hand during the hot months, and can be enjoyed by the whole family every evening. The owner has kindly sent the editor a photograph of the place as it appeared the past summer, and the



LOG CABIN, MICHIGAN.

reproduction will give the reader some idea of its cozy comfort and blooming beauty. The design is well worthy of imitation.

Two Good Shrubs.—Exochorda grandiflora is a beautiful shrub or small tree, hardy, branching freely, and during May becoming a mass of lovely white flowers in big clusters. The flowers and clusters are not unlike those of Cherry, but are larger and of more substance. An earlier kind is E. Albertii, which has narrower leaves and narrower-petaled flowers produced on an erect spike. Both of these shrubs are easily started from seeds, and begin to bloom when small. They should be more popular.

Dandelions in the Window.—The Dandelion is a good plant for a sunny window in a cool room, and will produce a fine display of its golden bloom throughout the dark days of winter. Take up a strong plant and pot it at once. Keep well watered.

CRINKLED LEAVES.

MRS. CLARKE, of New York, sends a Rose-leaf that is crinkled and somewhat browned by a disease, and asks for a remedy. The plant has been attacked by a fungus. The foliage is ruined for this season, but it would be beneficial to apply a dressing of lime and sulphur to the surface soil and stir it in. The plant would not be so liable to an attack next season. It would also be well to cut the plant back, removing and burning the tips of the branches that have shown the disease. Mrs. Clarke also states that her Snowball bush is similarly affected. In this she is probably mistaken. The old-fashioned Snowball often shows curled and crinkled leaves, but this is due to the work of aphides which winter among the buds and attack the under side of the leaves shortly after the foliage develops. This pest can be subdued early, before the buds begin to swell, by spraying with lime and sulphur.

Annuals for Cutting.—A florist recommends the following annuals for summer cutting: Comet and Snowball Asters, White Candytuft, Margaret Carnations, Annual Chrysanthemums, double and single Clarkias and Cornflowers, Dianthuses, Gaillardias, Godetias, Branching Ten Weeks' Stocks, Scabiosa, Miniature Sunflowers, Sweet Peas and Mignonette. These can all be started from seeds early in spring.



CLARKIA.

SOLANUM SEAFORTHIANUM.

THIS LOVELY VINE was introduced from the West Indies in 1804, and is especially adapted to growth in the milder southern States. The vine is of free growth, has pretty foliage, and bears in abundance large clusters of attractive and handsome blue flowers, succeeded by small berries containing the seeds. At the North it



SOLANUM SEAFORTHIANUM.

is a desirable plant for the conservatory or window garden, and if bedded out in spring makes a fine out-door display. It is propagated either from seeds or cuttings.

Cotoneaster horizontalis.— This is a hardy shrub introduced from China by the Abbe Armand David in 1886. It is of low, stout growth, the smaller branchlets being arranged in a curious horizontal manner, from which the specific name is derived. The plant holds its foliage well in autumn, but before falling the leaves change to bronze, and then to bright red, giving the shrub a showy, pleasing appearance. In spring the branches are covered with small pinkish-white flowers, and in autumn the rich vermilion-colored berries add to the autumn beauty of the plant. Propagation is readily effected from seeds, which can be obtained at five cents per packet from dealers in tree and shrub seeds.

Starting Bulbs. — In starting Hyacinths, Narcissus and Tulips, it is not necessary to pot them and bury the pots till winter, as one suggests. Simply place the bulbs in the soil so the crown will protrude, water, then set the bulbs in a dark closet until roots form. They may then be brought gradually to the light. Hyacinths and Narcissus are the most reliable of winter-blooming bulbs for the window. Tulips, Crocuses and some others recommended suffer from a dry, hot atmosphere, and are subject to aphides. On this account it is well always to cover the surface about the bulbs with chopped tobacco-stems.

AMARYLLIS JOHNSONI.

THIS PLANT will fail to bloom if the growth is sparing and the plant is not given a season of rest. It is a winter-blooming plant, and after blooming the bulb can be set out and allowed to continue its leaf-growth and develop until fall. It should then be lifted and dried off in the sun. Such bulbs potted in February will usually throw up a flower scape shortly afterwards, bearing several flowers at the summit. This is followed by the foliage, which pushes up from the bulb around the scape. Bulbs that are grown in pots should be well cared for after blooming, until the foliage ripens, then withhold water entirely, letting the plant dry off for several months. Renew the water supply in February or earlier and set the pot in a warm, sunny window. The flowers will shortly appear.

A bulb grower in Holland gives this method of treatment for Amaryllis: "After drying the bulbs off in autumn, store them away in a slightly moist, and warm place, for instance, under the benches of a greenhouse. Examine the bulbs occasionally and do not pot them up before the flower-buds appear. When first potted give very little water and promote growth by giving moderate bottom heat; increase the supply of water as the plants progress. Very often the mistake is made that bulbs are potted up too early; the consequence is that only leaf-growth is made. The proper soil for Amaryllis is turfy loam enriched with rotten manure."

Freesias.—One experienced in the culture of Freesias says that after blooming the bulbs must be thoroughly ripened by placing the pots in strong sunlight and withholding water. Set the pots away in a cool place till August, then take them out and repot in a mixture of leaf-mold and loam, with a quantity of sand mixed in. Use five-inch pots, placing six bulbs in a pot, covering with moist compost. After potting place in a cold-frame, covering them with a coat of cocoanut fibre an inch thick. When the plants are an inch high bring gradually to the light and begin watering, giving free applications during the season of active growth. They need a period of four or five months to come into bloom.



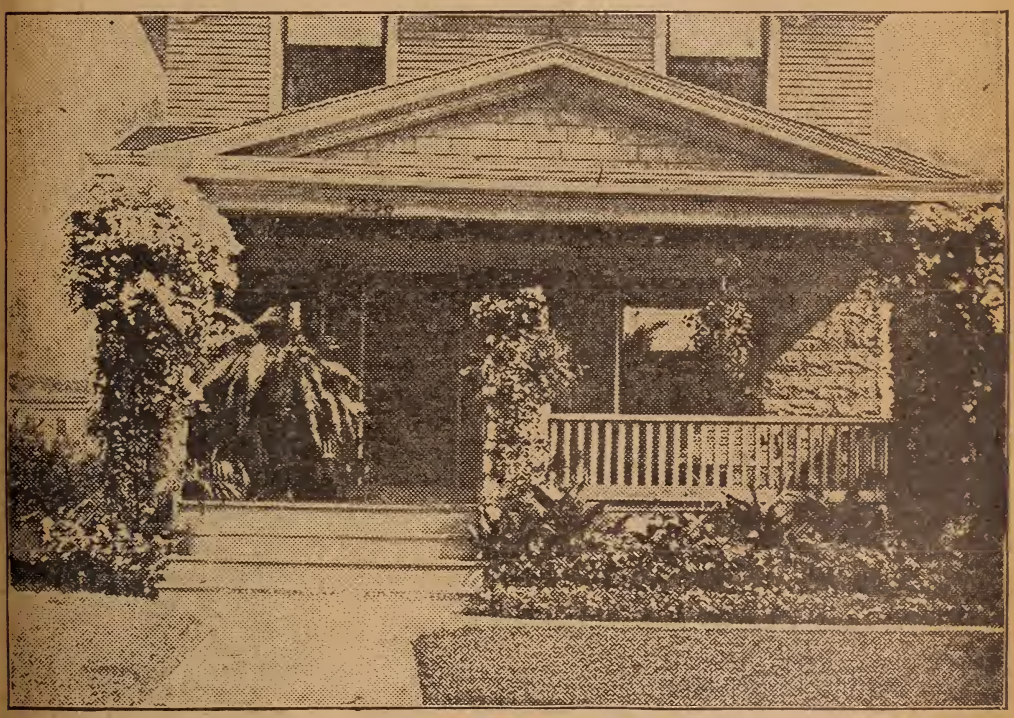
Freesia Bulb.

Dropping Leaves.—Mrs. Anderson, of Washington, sends the leaf of a plant that bears bell-shaped pink flowers, and wants to know its name, also what makes it and her Oleander drop their leaves. The leaf resembles that of Abutilon. The leaves of her plants probably drop because of clogged drainage and too copious applications of water.

A HOME DECORATION.

FROM KANSAS CITY, Missouri, the Editor has received a photograph of a home decoration which is simple, but tasteful and pleasing. A reproduction of it is herewith given.

The vines at each end are of Clematis paniculata, which are very showy and beautiful when in bloom. The central part is decorated with blooming vines of Thunbergia alata and small Ferns. The hanging basket is filled with the beautiful Linaria cymballaria, which develops its long, drooping, blooming vines so freely in the deep, moist shade. The left corner is well-filled with the big Boston Fern, which is always admired. At the base of the Clematis by the steps is a group of Vinca rosea, and opposite, beneath the railing, are plants of Canna and a mass of Ivy, edged with cropped everblooming Zanzibar Balsam. The whole is very effective, and even the picture affords a striking vision of the arrangement as it appeared in its natural colors.



A KANSAS HOME DECORATION.

Keeping Caladium Bulbs.—When the leaves of Fancy Caladiums begin to fade, dry the bulbs off, pack them in silver sand and set in a warm place. If they begin to shrivel, sprinkle the sand with water but do not make it wet. Too much drouth will often start dry rot: too much moisture and cold will start wet rot. The temperature should not be below 50°.

BERBERIS DARWINII.

THIS SHRUB was first discovered by Charles Darwin, the celebrated naturalist, on the Island of Chloe, and in the adjacent southern mainland of Chili, South America, and brought to notice by Messrs. Veitch, of England. It is hardy in the South, but should be well-drained, and protected from northern winds at the North. Where the climate is severe the tops should be well wrapped during winter, and the plants given a good supply of coal-ashes to protect the roots. Properly grown, this Berberis is one of the brightest and best of spring-flowering shrubs. The flowers appear in pendant racemes, and are of the purest bright yellow color. Plants are easily started from seeds, and under favorable conditions will attain the height of eight or ten feet, forming a bush that is admirable in both foliage and flower.

Tuberous Begonia.—It is natural for a Tuberous Begonia tofade as cold weather approaches, and to lose its top. The tuber should then be dried off, placed in a box of dry sand, and kept in a room having a temperature of 50°. Repot in early spring, and the plant will renew its growth.

Cutting Tops of Pæonies.—The tops of Pæony plants should not be cut away after blooming, until the foliage fades. It is well, however, to remove the flowers, either while in bloom, or as soon as they begin to fade, cutting the stem down at the foliage.

FLORAL GOSSIP.

ALTHOUGH King Frost has paid us a visit even the flowers that are rather tender are still showy and beautiful wherever the plants have slight protection, as the shade of a tree or fence or a clump of shrubbery. Zinnias, Cosmos, Marigolds, Dahlias and Petunias are as bright as ever, and even the Hercules Club Gourd that covers the old Apple tree shows green foliage below, and swings its club-like fruits (four feet long), like big pendulums in the autumn breeze.



PETUNIAS.

A clump of Geranium sanguineum is a globe of rich green, prettily-lobed foliage, spangled with little carmine cups; and Callirhoe involucrata, similar in general appearance of foliage and flowers, except larger, is also gay. Each flower of the latter is two inches across, rosy red, with white center, and borne on a long stem. Both Geranium and Callirhoe are perfectly hardy, and bloom almost continuously during the growing season.



CALLIRHOE.

How attractive are many of the silver-leaved perennial plants! Cerastium Biebersteinii covers the bed like a close silvery carpet, and Alyssum saxatile is equally as dense, though the foliage is somewhat coarser. Arabis alpina is as showy as the latter, but perhaps more loose and graceful in form. None of these show flowers, but in fancy with the mind's eye I could see the bed of Cerastium as it would appear in spring, covered with white, gold-eyed daisies held aloft on slender stems; I could see the Alyssum showing great tufts of tiny golden flowers in profusion, from which the common name "Gold Dust" was derived; and I could see the Arabis bearing masses of pure white flowers in clusters, hiding the silvery foliage, and calling forth the ardent admiration of all observers. I wish you could all step into my garden when these lovely perennials are in bloom next spring, and see them in all their glory.



ALYSSUM SAXATILE.

Here are some clumps of Perennial Delphinium showing clusters of flowers and seeds. The tall stalks that bloomed earlier were cut away, and these stalks are of the second growth. I only regret that the cutting was not done sooner, as the second crop of flowers would have been still finer, and these flowers seem to be more prolific in seed-bearing than the earlier ones.



DELPHINIUM.

Are not these flowers of Gaillardia grandiflora handsome! Frost does not seem to injure them, and the stalks stand erect, showing vigorous, perfect foliage, above which the long, strong stems rise, crowned by the bright flowers, varying from golden yellow to rich brownish red. Once started, a bed of this perennial lasts for years, and blooms abundantly and almost constantly throughout the season. The flowers are fine for cutting, and the more freely they are cut the more freely they are produced. The plants are easily started from spring-sown seeds, and will bloom well the first season. They are perfectly hardy.



GAILLARDIA.

That handsome group of Feverfew, the single and the double flowers appearing so profusely, is of the second growth. The first stalks branched freely, and became a mass of bloom, remaining so for many weeks, then they were cut off near to the ground, and these sprang up. How showy and handsome they are! The single flowers with golden center, are more graceful than the double, and are just as much admired. Both forms are easily grown from seeds.



FEVER-FEW.

These beds showing big rosettes of frond-like leaves are of Perennial Poppy. The plants are developing robust foliage now, and making preparations for a grand display of huge brilliant flowers next season. Foxglove, Hollyhock, Canterbury Bell and Verbascum are also displaying a rich array of leaves, indicating the elegant spikes of bloom we may expect after the cold winter months are past.



PERENNIAL POPPY.

How deliciously scented are the little Violets! The plants cover the ground over there with pretty green leaves, and the flowers are peeping

above. Hiding among the leaves, too, are hundreds of buds in various stages of growth, and if a cold-frame is placed over the bed to afford some protection from cold, and managed so as to ventilate well, the flowers will develop until Christmas or longer, and begin again early in spring.

Before going out of the garden take a look at this bed of old-fashioned Camomile. Isn't it a mossy carpet! rich dark green, and sure to furnish ample protection to the plants during winter, as an ordinary frost only seems to make it prettier. This is the old garden plant our grandmothers prized as a tea for colds and various ailments. It is easily grown from seeds, and is known in catalogues as Anthemis nobilis.



HELIOPSIS.

And as we pass out just notice that native wildling, Heliopsis helianthoides. It is a seedling plant now in full bloom, and every flower is a golden gem, not unlike a flower of Jerusalem Artichoke, but lasting much longer. It is a plant well worthy of a place in the background, and once started will take care of itself.

Lily Takesima.—This beautiful and fragrant Japanese Lily is hardy, but should be planted out in autumn as soon as procured. The plants grow a foot high, and bear the large, trumpet-shaped flowers freely during summer. Set the bulbs four or five inches deep, in light, rich, porous soil. Firm the soil over the bulb well by treading with the foot, and raise it above the surrounding surface, to carry off the water. A mulch of stable litter will be found beneficial. In a border or group a dozen bulbs of this Lily make a fine display, and will last for several years.

Manure for Lilies.—Some years ago an old florist stated that a layer of well-rotted cow-manure placed six inches below the bulbs was the best fertilizer he had ever tried for Lilies. As a rule, manure should not be placed against or near the bulbs, as it will cause them to rot. Avoid horse-manure. Cow-manure, however, applied as suggested, will not be likely to injure the bulbs, while it will doubtless prove of great benefit to the plants.

Aristolochia Elegans.—Seedlings of this vine started in early spring and three plants placed in a ten-inch pot sunk in a partial shade out-doors in summer will bloom in autumn. In the South the plants do well bedded out, and can remain from year to year undisturbed. They are easily propagated from seeds.

WINTERING RHODODENDRONS.

IN THE latitude of Washington the Rhododendrons are hardy without protection. In the northern States, however, they should have a sheltered place, or else be given some protection during the cold winter months. This protection may be in the shape of evergreen boughs placed around and among the plants, or, where but a few specimens are grown, a box or barrel with the ends out may be placed over each plant and allowed to remain until spring. Usually plants suffer more from repeated freezing and thawing than from the severe cold. In places where the snow-falls are heavy and cover the plants, Nature's protection in this way, is the best that can be provided, but lacking such protection, we must use artificial means which will prevent the frost from effecting injury to the plants. Aside from the protection suggested, a good coat of litter about the roots is always beneficial. Where Rhododendrons are grown among groups of shrubbery and shielded from full exposure to the sun, often but little protection is necessary, even when the snows do not cover them. A little observation will suggest what amount of protection is necessary and how best to apply it.

The Sweet Potato Vine.—This is often recommended for window culture at the North, because of its rapid growth and clean, pretty foliage. Few persons, however, are aware that the plants thus grown sometimes bloom, producing a flower not unlike the common Morning Glory. In the autumn of 1885, after a severe drought during May and June, the Sweet Potatoes planted out in Virginia bloomed freely, and the phenomenon was so rare that some farmers pulled up a number of the vines before they discovered their mistake.

A Fine Japan Tree.—The young Japanese tree, Paulownia imperialis, which stands in the center of the lawn in front of the Magazine office is preparing to bloom in the spring, each branch showing a big panicle of flower-buds. This tree was raised from seeds sown nine years ago, in Franklin County, and the young tree was set in its present situation seven years ago. It has never been injured by frost, and if the buds winter safely, the big panicles of blue flowers next spring will be beautiful.

Azaleas.—Azaleas are mostly plunged out doors in summer, in a place somewhat shaded from the sun at midday. It is well to syringe the foliage twice a week, in the evening, dashing the water well upon the under side. This will prevent an attack of red-spider, which often turns the foliage yellow and causes it to drop off. Take the plants in before frost, and let them get established in their winter quarters before the house is regularly heated.

EDITORIAL LETTER.

MY DEAR FRIENDS:—Dresden, the capital of Saxony, is a city of over 300,000 inhabitants, and is situated in a charming valley, on both sides of the river Elbe, joined by several handsome bridges. Its history is known as far back as 1206. It was burned almost to the ground in 1891, but was rebuilt, and has prospered more or less ever since. The architecture of the city is ancient and peculiar, and to an American is very interesting. The Royal Palace is an immense stone structure, dark and uninviting in appearance. It was rebuilt by Duke George in 1534. Its huge, prison-like walls surmounted by a tower 387 feet high, elicit wonder, if not admiration, from the foreign visitor. There are a number of noted churches and other public buildings which are of interest, as are also the antiquarian, scientific and art collections, which are rare and extremely valuable. The public libraries contain immense collections of books and manuscripts, including some that are very ancient and precious.



DRESDEN, CAPITOL OF SAXONY.

The Picture Galleries in the Museum are renowned for the rich collection of paintings by the old masters. Specimens of art by such immortal artists as Titian, Correggio, Rubens, Rembrandt, Poussin and Claude are freely met with. In my opinion, however, decidedly the finest painting of the entire collection is the Sistine Madonna, which was the work of the most famous of all artists, Raphael. It is a large and exquisitely shaded and colored picture, and considered of such merit and renown that a room is set apart for its exhibition, where the light is so admitted that it can be seen to the best advantage. During exhibition hours this room is mostly crowded with visitors, many of whom spend much time viewing, studying and admiring. I have visited the chief art galleries of Europe, and examined and admired many of the most noted paintings, but I have not seen a picture that can compare with this work by the old master, Raphael. It is indeed charming, and I could have spent hours in its adoration. As I was passing out I took a final view and turned regretfully away. The scene will ever come up vividly in fond memory. It is indelibly fixed upon my mind.

Dresden is celebrated for its china ware, and there are several large china establishments that have extensive show rooms where an immense collection of the most elegant and expensive wares are offered and sold. One of these firms has such a high reputation on account of sales to members of royal families that the wares offered find ready sale at prices far in advance of those asked by rivals. These china show-rooms are well worth visiting, being as attractive as a picture gallery on account of the charming decorations of the wares, as well as the artistic and exquisitely graceful shapes displayed. Those who love and admire beautiful things cannot spend an hour in that old city more delightfully than in

visiting the big china exhibition rooms. They are an education in themselves, and inspire without perception an advanced taste in beauty and art.

Among the attractions of Dresden are the novelty stores, where many odd and beautiful little things can be obtained at trifling cost. The windows of such stores are of fine plate glass and the arrangement of the display goods in them is exceedingly attractive. Doubtless there are few tourists who do not buy souvenirs at these stores to take with them, as well as china from the royal china establishment.

As to the flower market, flower beds, flower gardens and parks I will speak in my next letter, which will appear in the Magazine for December.

Truly yours,
Geo. W. Park,
La Park, Pa.,
Oct. 11, 1910.



SISTINE MADONNA, BY RAPHAEL.

Protecting Small Roses.—The everblooming Roses are generally hardy in a sheltered bed at the North, especially if the bed is surrounded with boards set edgewise. In a very severe climate it is well to pile coal-ashes around and over each plant, applying the material when the ground freezes up, and allowing it to remain until the severe frosts of spring are past. The plants, of course, should be well established in the soil before winter.

Evening Primrose.— Mrs. Osterhaut, of Idaho, encloses a pressed flower and leaf with the following note:

Mr. Editor:—The leaf and beautiful yellow bloom I enclose are from a plant which I have had in my flower garden for several years. Will you please name it?—Mrs. Osterhaut, Idaho, Aug. 29, 1910.

The plant is of a species of Evening Primrose, or Œnothera. The information is not sufficient to determine the species.

PROTECTING YOUNG SEEDLINGS.

YOUNG SEEDLING plants of hardy perennials will mostly withstand the winter in the milder northern States, but it is well to give them some protection, which can be done by placing boards a foot wide upon their edge around the bed. This will keep the cold winds off, and they do much of the damage to herbaceous plants and shrubbery. Avoid covering with straw or litter, as plants so covered are liable to smother. If more protection is needed it can be provided by placing brush denuded of foliage over the bed, inside of the boards. This will allow of perfect ventilation, and in most cases will afford ample protection, even through injurious winters.

Hydrangea not Blooming.—When a Hydrangea hortensis fails to bloom it is mostly due to improper ripening of the wood. In the autumn water rather sparingly, and give a sunny situation until you wish to place it in its winter quarters, and then apply only enough water to keep the plant in good condition. Use a soil compound of fibrous loam, sandy leaf-mould and well-rotted manure, and fertilize with bone-dust. Keep well watered and in a cool, somewhat shaded place while blooming.

Arctotis Grandis.—This is said to be a hardy perennial, but it will not endure the winters in Pennsylvania. It should be treated as an annual.

Mimosa pudica.— The seeds of Mimosa pudica, or Sensitive Plant, it is said, will retain their vitality for thirty-five years.

GARDEN NOTES.

GIANT ZINNIAS. — The giant-flowered Zinnias are yet in their beauty (Oct.10th) upon the Editor's grounds. The flowers are from four to six inches across, rather globular in form, and as showy as Dahlias. The scarlet-flowered variety planted as a hedge or screen, or grouped in a bed makes a truly gorgeous display from early summer till frost. The golden yellow and pure white are equally as fine, but not so gaudy as the scarlet. Plants are easily raised from seeds, grow about four feet high, bloom freely, and are continuously in bloom. This improved new race of Zinnia is among the most satisfactory of annuals, and should be liberally planted the coming season, either in mixture or separate colors.



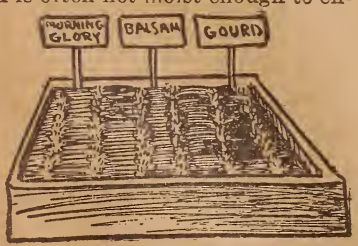
ZINNIA PLANT.

A MOUND OF MARIGOLDS. — Early in the summer a mound of bare soil intended for a purpose was still unused, and to hide it a lot of Marigold plants were set eight or ten inches apart over it, the African varieties occupying the central part, the Tall French sorts next, and the Dwarf French ones occupying the margin. That mound soon became a mass of gold, and increased in beauty as the season advanced. It seems cruel that Jack Frost should come and touch and blacken it with his icy fingers just when in the height of its beauty. Marigolds grow so well, even in dry, poor soil, and bloom so freely and continuously that they can be used to beautify places where some of the less rugged annuals would suffer and die.



MARIGOLD.

COVERING THE SEED-BED. — When seeds are sown during the dry autumn weather the ground is often not moist enough to encourage prompt germination, and a light covering will be found beneficial. For this purpose buckwheat hulls are very serviceable. They protect the soil and seeds from the wind and sun, they prevent it from being dashed up by rain, and in consequence hardened, and they do not offer a serious resistance to the young seedlings when they are ready to push above the surface and enjoy the sunlight. Only a shallow layer of the hulls should be used, say a fourth of an inch in thickness, and they should be applied as soon as the seeds are sown and the surface made firm, before the sprinkling is done. They may be effectually used except for beds of the finer seeds, requiring special care.



SEED BED.

A SPECIMEN BALSAM.--The past summer a double Balsam plant voluntarily appeared in an isolated place in the perennial garden, and was allowed to grow. For some weeks it did nothing but grow, but in due time every branch became a fine wreath of buds, flowers and foliage. At this writing the plant is three feet high and nearly as broad, a veritable little tree, and still admirably in bloom. The flowers are a soft, waxy rose, very large, and double to the centre. It has produced only a few pods of seeds, but enough to reproduce its kind next season. It is only under such favorable conditions that we can realize the superior value of a plant, or know its capabilities.



DOUBLE BALSAM.

EUPATORIUM AGERATOIDES.—A very handsome, late-flowering, native perennial is Eupatorium ageratoides. The plants grow two feet or more high, branch freely, and become a white mass of bloom in mid-autumn. They are perfectly hardy, thrive in any rich, moist soil, and will flourish in a rather dense shade. Propagation is readily effected from seeds, which may be sown either in the fall, after ripening, or in the spring.



PLANT.

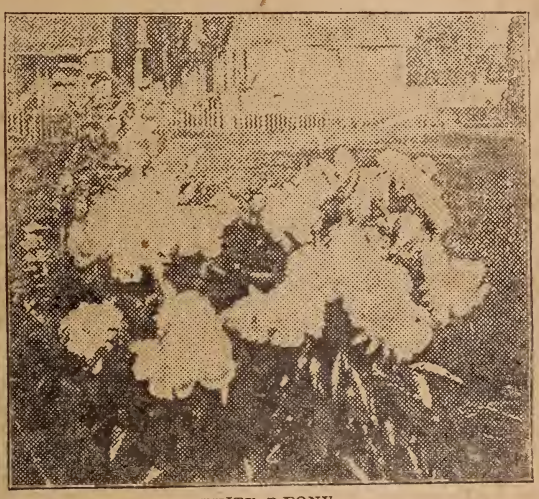


FLOWER.

A FINE NATIVE GENTIAN.— Gentiana Andrewsii is now in bloom. It is a fine native Gentian, growing a foot high, bearing several whorls of showy, blue closed flowers towards the summit of a strong stem. The plants are mostly found in boggy places, and are able to hold their own, even among the tenacious sedges and grasses that so often encroach it.

WHITE PÆONY.

WHEN IN FULL BLOOM there are few more attractive or beautiful or fragrant flowers than the improved double white Chinese Pæony. The flowers are of immense size, of fine texture and color, free-blooming, and last for many days during a favorable season. The plants are perfectly hardy, and can be planted either in fall or spring. In setting the plants let the buds appear at or near the surface, so placing the root that it will stand in a vertical position. Firm the soil well, and mulch with coarse manure as winter approaches. A rather sunny bed of rich soil is the most suitable. If a plant fails to set buds, dig some fresh-slaked lime into the surface soil about the roots, or apply a dressing of phosphate. The little engraving was reproduced from a photograph sent by Miss Butler, of Missouri, and shows the quaint old farm-house and fences in the back-ground.



WHITE PÆONY.

Dwarfing a Rubber Tree.—When a Rubber Tree gets too tall for the window cut the top off. If you wish it to develop but a single stem cut it near the ground, and allow only the strongest shoot to grow. If you wish a bushy, tree-like top, cut it a foot or more above the soil, according to the height you wish the top to develop, then encourage the growth of several shoots. The Rubber plant is easily trained, and will endure much neglect and ill usage. Cut it back just before it begins to grow in the spring.

Rex Begonia Blight.—A sister from Burgettstown, Pa., has a Rex Begonia that shows brown at the margin of the leaf as soon as it develops, and soon the disease spreads until the leaf and its stem are dead. This is probably due to a fungus that sometimes attacks the foliage, especially when the soil is close and not well drained. Such plants should be repotted, using loose, porous soil with good drainage.

Primula rosea.—At the Kew Gardens, London, this handsome, hardy Primrose, which grows and blooms so well there, is given a boggy, shady place, where the water trickles down and keeps the soil constantly moist, if not wet. Those who have reason to complain of their success with Primula rosea should make a note of this treatment.

PROPAGATING PRIMULA SIEBOLDII.

THIS PRIMROSE may be started from seeds, but the finer varieties must be increased by the division of the crown, or by root cuttings, the latter method being the more prolific. Select strong plants, shake the soil off, then remove such main roots as can be spared without injury to the plant. Cut these up in inch-lengths, being careful to keep the ends next the crown together. This done, fill a shallow earthen pot with sandy, porous loam, and insert these root cuttings perpendicularly, allowing the crown ends to just reach the surface. Now cover one-fourth inch with silver sand and apply water. In a little while the young plants will show above the sand, and can then be taken out and potted or placed in a prepared bed. The plants are regarded as hardy, but it is well to afford them some protection from sun and wind if possible. The best time for root-propagation of this Primula is in winter.

Dahlias not blooming.—When the soil is wet, tenacious and insufficiently drained Dahlias often grow well, but fail to bloom. This is probably because of acid in the soil. To neutralize the acid apply a liberal coat of fresh-slaked lime to the surface after the ground is prepared, and stir it into the surface. A free application of sand incorporated will also be found beneficial. As a rule Dahlias thrive and bloom best in a well-drained sandy soil fully exposed to the sun. Where such conditions can be given there is rarely any complaint about not blooming.

Perennial Seeds.—These should be sown in August or September, if not earlier, as they do not germinate as promptly as annuals. When started late do not disturb the plants till the following spring, when they may be set out. Some of the seeds may not come up till the next spring, and some not till the second spring.

Cure for Mildew.—A French cure for mildew is to syringe the affected plants with salt and water, using an ounce of salt dissolved in a quart of water. This simple remedy is said to be effectual not only in overcoming mildew, but many other of the lower fungi which trouble house plants.

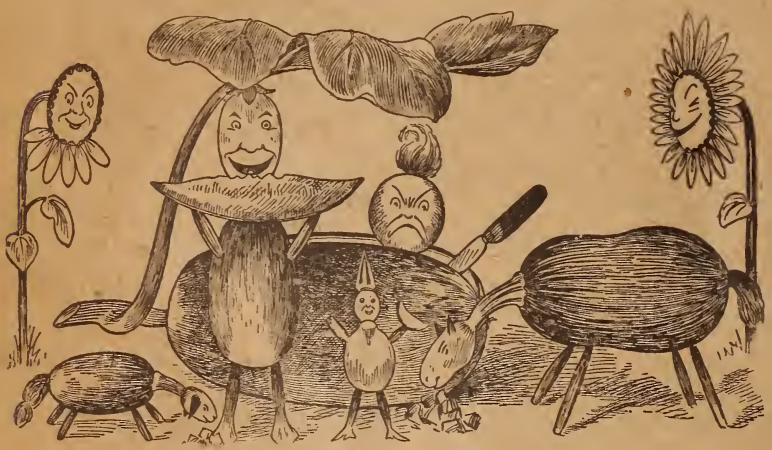
CHILDREN'S LETTER.



MY DEAR CHILDREN: — Last night Jack Frost paid us a visit and swayed his withering septre over the gardens and fields, and today the more exposed tops of Cannas, Dahlias and Zinnias that stood up yesterday bright and beautiful, are curled and drooping. We regret the touch of his icy fingers upon the plants and flowers that we have cared for so faithfully, and enjoyed so often and so much during the growing and blooming season. He did not come without a warning sign, however, for have we not looked daily upon the old tree-trunk draped by Nature with the graceful vines of the Woodbine, and admired the gradual



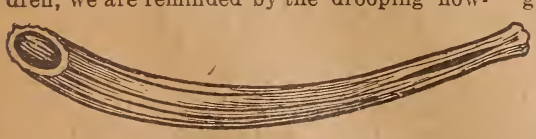
Old tree-trunk.



PETER, HIS WIFE, BOY, HORSE AND DOG.
He feeds them all Pumpkins, while Mr. and Mrs. Sunflower look on.

Peter, Peter, Pumpkin-eater, had a wife and couldn't keep her,
He put her in a Pumpkin-shell, and there he kept her very well

change from rich green to flaming scarlet? Have we not heard for some days past the plaintive farewell songs of the little sparrows that cheered and inspired us throughout the spring and summer months? Yes, dear children, we are reminded by the drooping flow-



PUMPKIN-EATER HORN.

ers and the changing foliage, of the truth so beautifully expressed by Mrs. Hemans,—

"Leaves have their time to fall,
And flowers to wither at the north wind's blast."

But we will not mourn over the passing of summer, much as we have enjoyed it, for autumn has its pleasures, too, and we will get as much enjoyment out of life as we can as the seasons come and go.

A field of corn skirts the river this bright day, and as I take my morning walk, I see the brown fodder in the shock, and the big white and golden and green and striped pumpkins showing their bright faces in multitudes over the field. And are they not attractive? What handsome big specimens, and what odd shapes and markings! We cannot but admire them as they lie half hidden among the green leaves. What a place for Peter, Peter, Pumpkin-eater and his family! And what nice, big, hollow leaf-stems for pumpkin horns, which every small boy likes to blow.



NATIVE ASTER.

There by the water's edge is a huge clump of native perennial Asters (A. undulatus). Several fine branching stems three feet high have developed, and every branch is weighted down with the masses of lovely blue flowers. I have been watching this elegant plant from the time the flowers began to develop, and have been much pleased to note the increasing beauty of the flowers from day to day. As they developed they became brighter and deeper in color, until the plant is today the thing of beauty we see.

Here by this old leaning Elm near the bog is a group of bushes of the native Carolina Rose. It is now showing a few bronzy yellow leaves, and almost every little spiny branch is tipped with a cluster of shining scarlet fruits. In summer the stems and branches were hidden by a wealth of pretty green leaves, which were an admirable setting for the exquisite, fragrant, soft pink flowers with gold center, which enriched its beauty. Then I plucked a bud and leaf for my button-hole. Today we find that Nature has not forgotton to leave an adornment for the cold winter months, hence the pretty scarlet fruits that succeed the flowers, and that will retain their beauty till spring. Again I adorn the lappel of my coat with a little branch



SCARLET ROSE FRUIT

holding a golden leaf and a cluster of the shining scarlet fruits.

Further on I found a fine big plant of the showy Poke-berry (Phytolacca decandra) which still held its foliage and some berry clusters. I have always admired this native plant, for it grows so strong and tree-like, has such handsome red trunk and branches, long racemes of white bloom, and fat, luscious-appearing berries. I recall the days of boyhood when I gathered the berries to get their juice for red ink, and how beautiful it was! Then there were many autumn fruits for the birds,



SPRAY OF POKEBERRY.

now the berries are scarcely colored till they are a sweet morsel for some of the feathered tribe. The juice of the Poke-berry is used in France to color wine, and the young, strong sprouts are used as greens in early spring, being boiled and seasoned in the same manner as spinach.

Beyond the spring, near the big rock that juts out into the water and is almost hidden by beautiful green native aquatic grasses, I found a clump of plants that had Iris-like foliage and tall, branching stems set with curious fruits. I said curious, but if you had seen them you might not have thought them curious, for they just looked like big, shining, ripe Blackberries. I was looking for these fruits, for while boating past the place in summer-



FRUIT, FLOWER AND OPEN FRUIT-POD OF BLACKBERRY LILY.

time I had seen the pretty orange-scarlet spotted flowers and knew they were of the Blackberry Lily (Pardanthus chinensis). The plant is a native of Europe, but has escaped cultivation, and is now found occasionally adorning the roadsides and by-ways. It is a lovely, herbaceous perennial, and deserves a place in every perennial collection. Near the Lily was a bramble of the true Blackberry, showing lovely bronzy-red foliage. But, dear children, do not mistake the autumn fruits of the Lily for the summer fruits of the Blackberry. They look good enough to eat, but after eating of them you might be a fit subject for the practice of your family physician.

Your friend,

LaPark, Pa., Oct. 13, 1910. The Editor.

Funeral Flowers.—Speaking of the use of white flowers, a writer in a foreign paper says, "Nothing can be more appropriate than dressing and decorating of brides with white. The habit is deeply engraved into our poetry, commends itself to our sense of propriety, and is in harmony with our most cherished sentiments. But neither common sense, nor anything in the strongly contrasting circumstances can warrant the practice of decorating our biers as we do our brides. The circumstances of funerals bring sadness enough without enforcing the use of pale and white flowers only. Fuller knowledge, larger hopes, have tended to rob death of most of its old terrors, and the use of bright-colored flowers at funerals may do something to dispel the dreary melancholy that has so long brooded over the rites of Christian burial. Hence the new departure in the soothing ministry of flowers at funerals, the use of pink and scarlet and the milder shades of red, should be heartily welcomed and freely practiced. Even the soft yellowish-white tints we recognize in the hardy Primrose might be used, as well as the azure clusters of Forget-me-not."

The English custom, sacred by age, of using only white flowers at funerals, has not been strictly adhered to in America, where the use of many of the brighter flowers is common, and considered appropriate. Of course the deeper shades of yellow and orange are not to be considered, nor the gaudy variegations found in some flowers. But the tasteful arrangement of the milder shades of red and blue cannot but have a soothing effect, and inspire hope and peace of mind.

Pruning Wichurian Roses. — The Wichurian Hybrid Roses, such as Lady Gay, Hiawatha and Dorothy Perkins, do not require to be pruned severely every year, as the long, strong shoots last for several years. If crowding, some of the leading shoots can be cut away, but, as a rule remove only the tips in the spring, when they have been pinched by frost, and also cut the side branches back till within two or three inches of the main stem. Keep the several main stems spread apart, to prevent crowding. Thus treated the bloom will be free and well developed, and the plant will remain in fine condition for years.

VIOLETS.

A SUBSCRIBER in Kentucky complains that her Sweet Violets produce a rank growth of leaves which smother the buds pushing out at the crown of the plant. It may be that her plants are too close together, and are crowding the buds. It would not injure the plants to remove a portion of the strong stems with leaves, and let the light and sun in to the buds. It would not be amiss, either, to allow the soil to dry out to some extent, and thus discourage a rank growth of foliage. A Violet bed should not be planted too thickly. If the plants are crowded they will not produce a satisfactory display of flowers. Always keep the decaying leaves picked out and stir the soil occasionally to prevent mildew from attacking the plants. Ventilation and a little sunshine are always beneficial in winter. A moist, cool atmosphere is necessary. As a rule Sweet Violets are not desirable window plants, but will do well in a pit or cold frame in a sheltered place out doors.



VIOLETS.

Begonia Gloire de Lorraine.—This beautiful winter-blooming Begonia, which received a first-class certificate from the Royal Horticultural Society of England when introduced, was raised by M. Lemoine, the noted French florist, by crossing B. Socotrana with B. Dregei. The cross was made in January, 1891, and the plants raised flowered freely the following November. The flowers are rich rose with yellow centre, in clusters, and the foliage light green, neat and graceful, not unlike that of B. Weltonensis. It is now mostly propagated from leaves during early summer, and grown in quantity in broad, shallow pots, for sale as blooming plants at Christmas. When well grown, a pot becomes a mass of rich bloom, and is of surpassing beauty.

Non-blooming Fuchsia.—A sister in Iowa has trouble with a Fuchsia. It is a thrifty plant, and she has repotted it twice during summer, the last shift being into a seven-inch pot, yet it will not bloom. She should work a little bone-dust into the surface soil, and allow the plant to become root-bound. To shift a plant will promote growth, but it almost invariably retards blooming.

Cure for Poison.—One who is much subject to poisoning from Poison Ivy (Rhus) writes that he finds a strong solution of alum an effectual remedy.

ALKALI.

IN THE WESTERN States, where there is but little rain, there are sections that abound with alkali in the form of sodium chloride or common salt, sulphate of soda or Glauber's salts, Epsom salts and carbonate of soda. As these are all readily soluble in water a successful remedy is the use of under drains with floodings of non-alkaline water. By this means the alkali salts are dissolved and carried off in the drainage water. Carbonate of soda is the worst form, as it tends to corrode vegetable tissue, and retards seed germination and growth. The growth of Alfalfa, sugar beets and sweet clover, plants that are least affected, is resorted to by farmers. The application of large quantities of land plaster, which is sulphate of lime, will act upon the carbonate of soda, and form sulphate of soda, which is a less harmful form. Epsom Salts (sulphate of Magnesia) is another form of alkali. When soil is over-charged with this, a coat of lime stirred into the surface will be found beneficial.

Genista Andreana.—This is a beautiful perennial shrub regarded as hardy at the North when well established. It would be safer to place an open end keg over the plant during winter and leave the garden plants undisturbed than to pot them and place in a frost-proof cellar. A pail of coal-ashes around the plant would also be beneficial. These precautions would only be necessary in the cold northern states where the plants are freely exposed to wind and sun.



Genista Bloom.

Rooting Pinks.—The best way for the amateur to start new plants from a favorite Pink is to layer some of the vigorous shoots. This is done by cutting the stem half through with a sloping cut at the joint, then bending to the soil and covering the cut part, allowing the tip to protrude above the surface. In a little while new roots will form, and the shoot can be detached and set out or potted.

Dolichos Lablab.—This is a climber with clusters of Bean-like flowers followed by Hyacinth-colored pods, from whence the common name Hyacinth Bean has been derived. It is valuable as an ornamental vine on account of both flowers and seed-pods, and some use the beans as an esculent. The young pods are also used as snap-beans, and taste much like snap-beans.



DOLICHOS FLOWER.

Campanula.—Mrs. Allen, of New Hampshire, sends a leaf and flower of a plant for which she wishes the name. It is evidently a species of Campanula, probably of the species known as C. garganica. See page 162 September Magazine.

DAFFODILS BLIGHTING.

DAFFODILS often show blighted buds in the garden because the bulbs become too much crowded, and too deeply imbedded in the soil. This is due to several new buds being formed beneath the old ones each year. The little engraving will indicate how this occurs. To avoid it, lift and reset the bulbs every third year. I have known Daffodils to reappear in the same place year after year for forty years, but the bulbs became so deep in the soil that the strength of the crowded bulbs was so exhausted in developing the long stems beneath the ground that they produce "nothing but leaves".



DAFFODIL BULBS.

Scrubby Snowball. — A subscriber in Portsmouth, N. H., has a Snowball that "appears scrubby, and has not bloomed for four or five years. The leaves curl under and are infested with ants." This is caused by aphides that winter about the buds and attack the foliage as soon as it appears in the spring. When spraying your apple trees for San Jose scale apply the same lime and sulphur material to the Snowball. This will be found an effectual remedy.

Wild Morning Glories. — When Morning Glories escape cultivation they become a nuisance, especially in the mild southern States. The best remedy is to work the soil repeatedly, and gather any stray vines that may come into bloom, so that the ground may not be reseeded. The plant is an annual, and is readily destroyed by thorough cultivation.

Nasturtium Pest.— The small black insect that sometimes troubles Nasturtiums can be eradicated by dusting over with pyrethrum powder, applying the material upon the under side of the leaves by means of a little bellows. The same remedy may be used upon Sweet Peas infested with aphis.

Red Spider and Violets.— A Violet grower speaks of the trouble experienced with Red Spider during a dry season, and adds:

"A good preventive of this Violet pest is to place a small bag of fresh horse-drippings in a can of water, and give an occasional watering with this."

Asparagus Plumosus. — As this plant increases in age and size, each new shoot that develops will make a longer, stronger growth before showing leaves. This is its nature. The leaves in abundance will come later.

IRIS FLORENTINA.

THE FLORENTINE IRIS known as Albicans, was cultivated as early as 1596. It bears large white flowers with a faint tint of lavender. The foliage is broad and vigorous, and the branching flower-stems grow fifteen inches high, each branch bearing several flowers that open in succession, thus extending the blooming period for some time. There are other varieties, as blue and purple, and all bloom at very nearly the same time, being somewhat earlier than most of the varieties of Iris Germanica. The plants are readily propagated and quickly become handsome clumps. Even a small piece of root with an eye will shortly develop into a fine blooming plant. The clumps should be separated every third year, otherwise the rhizones will be crowded above the ground, where they are liable to injury from exposure. They may be planted at any time before the ground freezes, or during spring and summer.

Lantana Seeds. — Like Beet seeds, those of Lantana have two or more germs to each, and each seed may produce to or more plants. As a rule, however, many amateur gardeners fail to get even one plant from each seed. The seeds are bony or nut-like, and very slow in germinating, unless the conditions are favorable, in which the plants will appear in from two to three weeks after sowing. Use fine soil that will not bake, cover a fourth of an inch deep, then firm the soil well, and water. Keep moist but not wet, and cover with thick manilla paper. Avoid drying out. If the seed-box is kept wet or neglected the seeds will often rot, or else be several months in germinating.

Clematis not Blooming.—Clematis paniculata is grown from seeds, and it may be possible that an occassional plant will, by nature, bloom sparingly. However, it is well to stir the soil about a non-blooming plant, and apply lime and phosphate to the soil, and at the same time start a new plant nearby. If the old plant does not bloom satisfactorily, then let the new one gradually replace it.

For Winter-blooming. — For winter-blooming in the window the following plants will be found the most reliable: Primula sinensis, Primula obconica, Primula floribunda, Hetrocentron album, Lopesia rosea, Cuphea platycentra, Eranthemum pulchellum, Crassula cordata, Begonia gracilis, Impatiens Holstii, Pentas cornea and Weeping Lantana. All of these are of easy culture, and will bloom in the house under adverse conditions.

Robinia Bessoniana. — This is a dense-headed Locust, and the most popular in Europe as a decorative street tree. It can be started from seeds, and soon becomes large enough for street planting. Liberal pruning should be given it every second or third year to promote a dwarf, compact form.

WASHINGTON WILD FLOWERS.

AMONG OUR EARLY spring flowers is one that always surprises strangers. It is so large for an early flower. The blossoms being as large as the palm of my hand, clear bright yellow. Tney are called Sunflowers here, but are not true Sunflowers. The name is Balsamorhiza sagittota. The foliage is ornamental, being a silvery pale greenish color, or sometimes nearly white; the leaves are shaped somewhat like a Calla-leaf, and all grow from a crown, the flowers on a slender stem rise above the foliage. A well-grown plant will bear many flowers. This is a very hardy, long-lived plant, sending its roots deep into the earth. It spreads perhaps by offsets at the crown, and by seeds, is never troublesome in cultivated ground, as the plant grows slowly from seeds, and takes several years to reach perfection.

Our perennial Larkspur, Delphinium Menziesii, is one of the showiest of all the perennial Larkspurs that I have seen. It blooms when very small, but the tuberous root increases in size, and the flower-stem grows tall and branches freely when the plant is old. A plant about ten years old in my garden was two feet high last year, and bore several flower-stalks. Our late Larkspur, D. distichum, has long spikes of clear blue or purple flowers.

Clarkia pulchella has been in cultivation so many years it probably needs no description. Yet, I fancy it is by no means common. It is very showy when a hillside is one mass of rose-colored flowers. I like it better than any thing I have ever used to plant in Tulip beds to cover the ripening leaves of Tulips. The Clarkia has stiff stems that hold the plants upright; they branch freely, and are airy and graceful, and do not crowd out other plants.

We have a pretty wild Onion that deserves a place in any permanent bulb bed. It grows ten to fifteen inches high, and has only two flat leaves, about half an inch wide at the widest part. The flowers are bright pink, and the umbel is large for such a small Onion. The flowers are only slightly onion-scented.

Our Brodiæas, if they should become common flowers, would probably be called Hyacinths. I have heard no common name for them, but a dear little girl, who had many pretty fancies, told me that she called them Fairy-bells, and said she had seen them when the fairies rang the bells. "But" said she, "you can't see the fairies, and you can't hear the bells, but you may 'magine you do." Our Brodiæa is B. Douglasii, and is perfectly hardy, the most hardy bulb we have. It grows very deep for so small a bulb, and failure in growing it will usually be from shallow planting. I often find it eight or ten inches deep, but my garden plant is about three in depth. This is not as showy as some of the California species, but the pale blue flowers on the long slender stems are always admired. It is a fine flower for cutting, as it lasts well. It is in bloom the last of May, and may be used for Decoration Day, when blue flowers are rare.

Our native Iris has pretty flowers, reminding one of the Spanish Iris more than any other. The color is white veined with purple, inner segments purple. I use this freely as an edging for beds of perennials. The foliage is better than any other dwarf Iris for that purpose. And, unlike some other species, it will keep its place. Susan Tucker.

Cheney, Wash.

VOLUNTEER PLANTS.

CALLING on an old friend one day early in the spring, she gave me some sturdy plants of old-fashioned Bachelor's Buttons that had self-sown and come up in her garden. Carefully I transplanted them to my garden, telling a floral friend of my present. She said "My, they will self-sow, and they are so old-fashioned I would would not set them out." (I thought you will not have a chance). And how those plants grew, through the heat and drought; day after day, they waved their blue flowers at me in a salute as I passed them. I could not water them, for the water was so scarce. Dahlias planted near them wilted, withered and died for want of water, and did not bloom this year; but the lovely Bachelor Buttons bloomed and bloomed. I only hope they will self-sow. Ima.



BACHELOR BUTTONS.

Geauga Co., Ohio, Oct. 12, 1910.

Keeping Dahlia Tubers. — Here is the way I keep Dahlia tubers over winter: Spade them up when wet, so that the ground will stay on, and store in a frost-proof cellar. They are sure to keep, as I always have nice tubers to set out in the spring. Reader.



DAHLIA TUBERS.

Abilene, Kan., Sept. 10, 1910.

Orchid Iris. — Iris Hispanica is well named Orchid Iris, for it is beautiful, delicate and fragrant, and makes a fine display in beds or clumps. The bulbs are hardy, and increase with age. It is one of the loveliest of border plants. Aunt Allie.

Chicago, Ill.

A FLORAL GLOBE.

HERE IS A PICTURE of a floral globe which was one of the attractions in the park. It was ten or twelve feet in diameter, and made of potted foliage plants arranged in such a way that the pots were invisible. This floral piece was always a source of wonder and admiration to the visitors, who recognized in the silvery portion the continents and various islands, and in the dark parts the oceans, gulfs, bays, and channels of our great globe—the earth. The design was well conceived and well carried out, and reflected much credit upon the skill and taste of the floral artist.

Ruby Butler.

St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 8, 1910.



A FLORAL GLOBE.

Canterbury Bells.—Last summer I had a grand display of Canterbury Bells, white and blue and purple. They were lovely for weeks, and many who passed by stopped to admire and ask about them. I raised them all from seeds, and was proud of them, as well as many other flowers which so richly adorned my garden.

Webster City, Iowa. Mrs. W. S. Norton.

Wintering Crinums.—Last fall I dried off a lot of Crinum bulbs and stored them in a warm place till spring. It works all right in bulbs like Amaryllis, but not on those of cylindrical or club shape. I nearly lost a fine specimen of Crinum Augustum by drying. I shall lift it this fall and plant in a wooden tub and keep in a warm cellar till spring. One Crinum Woodellianum that I dried off last fall and bedded out in the spring, had four large bunches of Amaryllis-like flowers the past summer. M. N. L.

Germantown, Ohio, Sept. 18, 1910.

Sowing Fine Seeds.—I always have good luck sowing fine seeds. I take a piece of wire screen and put some sand on the wire, then my seeds. This I sift over the bed where I want them. Mrs. J. I. Rhoads.

Sedgwick Co., Kan.

GRAFTING THE LOCUST.

ABOUT THE TIME APPLE trees are grafted in the spring John digs up a nice common locust tree four feet tall, with three limbs. Then he cuts off the limbs, and grafts two scions of Sweet Pea Shrub into each limb. In a few weeks they are in bloom, looking like a pink bouquet of flowers on an upright stick. The next year the branches are several feet long, as it grows very thrifty. The Sweet Pea Shrub blooms in May, June, July and August. Mine this year had immense clusters of bloom in the heat and drought of August. Keep shoots of the Locust cut off, so that the sap will go into the grafts. The trees are not long-lived. In about five years the borers eat into the wood, and the tree winter-kills; but it takes only a few hours to set out and graft one. I have three trees. Ima.

Geauga Co., Ohio, Oct. 1910.

Success with Dahlias.—I have better success with raising Dahlias than any plants I grow. The soil here is very wet, heavy, clay loam; but I have filled in on top several hundred loads to build the ground up higher. I used the material cheapest and most convenient, which is a casting sand from a nearby foundry. I planted my Dahlias on this and gave them a good liberal supply of manure, and they have done well for several years. I do not have good luck in keeping the tubers in winter, however, as they are liable to decay.

L. O. Thompson.

Rockingham Co., N. H., Sept. 10, 1910.

Gas and Plants.—I have burned gas all over the house for many years, and have had nice plants through winter. Of course moisture is important, and living rooms are not the best place for plants, as they are liable to be kept too hot through the day, and then allowed to get too cold at night.

Mrs. Lizzie Heacock.

Henry Co., Ind., Sept. 19, 1910.

RAISING PERENNIALS FROM SEEDS.

I RAISE MY OWN perennial flowers from seeds, and I think I enjoy them better than if I bought the plants. The seedlings are so thrifty and stocky that it is simply fun to raise them, and the seeds for a big bed cost hardly more than one plant bought of the florist. Hardy perennials are ideal flowers for the busy woman whose husband does not care to help in their culture. I am a farmer's wife, and know whereof I speak. I have a large and fine collection in my garden. Perennials are my hobby and recreation, and most of them I have grown from seeds.



HOLLYHOCKS.

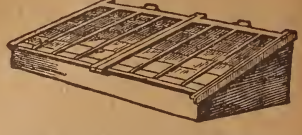
Of the more transient perennials I have Pansies, English Daisies, Sweet William, Hollyhocks, Canterbury Bells, Japan Pinks and Snapdragons. These are not lasting, and some of them are generally regarded as biennials. All are hardy and sometimes bloom the third year, but I find the blooms are better and more satisfactory if new ones are raised from seeds every year, and the old plants discarded.

Other perennials are tenacious, and will continue to bloom for years. In this class are perennial Delphinium or Larkspur, Gaillardia, Oriental Poppy, Digitalis, Coreopsis lanceolata, Rudbeckia, Aquilegia and Sweet Rocket. These flowers I am not quite so successful with in raising from seeds, but I try to raise a few every year, as one never has enough, and by continued efforts new kinds are obtained and added to my collection.



SWEET ROCKET.

The summer just passed away was a dry one; for three months no rain fell, and as we live on a hill my annual garden was a total failure; but I have about three hundred splendid little perennial plants ready to set out in their permanent quarters as soon as it rains, and this at a cost of about $1.75. I have a large cold-frame in my garden 6x12 feet, with three large sash covered with muslin, where I set out Tomatoes and raise Asters and other annuals from seeds. In June, after these plants are set out in their summer quarters, I dig up the ground very thoroughly, making it richer, if possible, and adding sandy woods soil. I then sow the seeds in rows, marking plainly, and watering thoroughly, and keep covered with the sash until they begin to come up. I also sow the seeds together in one end, of those which come up first, and those which germinate slowly I put in the other end. In the first class are Pansies, Carnations, Sweet Williams, Daisies, Pinks of all kinds, Hollyhocks and Canterbury Bells. In an ordinary season, this bed, if covered up and protected from the hot sun, would need very little watering, but the past summer I watered it nearly every evening, also kept the sash on during very hot days, always, however, taking it off at sundown. Weeds, of course, should be kept out, and the little plants transplanted as soon as large enough. But if one is very busy, it is wonderful how much neglect these sturdy little plants will stand. I now have over thirty Canterbury Bells, a hundred Sweet Williams, eighteen Digitalis, five Oriental Poppies, twenty Shasta Daisies, fifty Dianthus, twenty Hollyhocks and a hundred and fifty Pansy plants. These will bloom next season, and are ready for business when spring comes,—no tiresome fussing in the early days of house-cleaning.



A PROTECTING COLD FRAME.



READY FOR BUSINESS WHEN SPRING COMES.

It is simply fun to transplant them. They are so strong and big—no danger of their dying. I always take up plenty of dirt with them, and then they hardly know they are moved. Even Oriental Poppies, so hard to transplant safely, bear it very nicely at this stage, after a rain. And now one very essential thing I must impress on you. Be sure to get good seeds. This is true in any kind of flowers, but especially of perennials. They are rather difficult to germinate. Better send to a reliable florist. It pays in the end.

Mrs. E. B. Murry.

Saratoga Co., N. Y., Sept. 11, 1910.

NOTE.—Oriental Poppies lose their leaves after transplanting, but if given time new leaves will appear, and almost every plant will grow.—Ed.]

WILL LATE-PLANTED TULIPS BLOOM?

IN A RECENT number of Park's someone complained that their late-planted Tulips did not bloom. I cannot imagine what unfortunate combination of circumstances could bring about such a calamity. I have planted the bulbs at all times, from blooming time till January 1st. and do not think I ever had one that failed to bloom, unless it was too small. Sometimes when there is a vacant place in a Tulip bed, where a bulb has rotted or been destroyed by a worm or mole, I have dug down beside a clump where there were three or four blossoms, and consequently as many bulbs, and carefully separated one from the clump, and planted it in the bare place. If this happened to be in a rainy time, that was all there was to it. My Tulip never seemed to know it had been moved. If in a dry time, I pour a quart or so of water around it when transplanting, and it blooms bravely on.



Last year I had some new experiences with Tulips. I received a box of bulbs from a friend in the "far West" in November. Among them were some Tulips. It was later than I like to plant them if I have my choice in the matter, but as I did not, I prepared a bed in my very best manner, and planted my bulbs with great faith, fully believing that they would bloom all right in due season, for the ground was in good tilth and the weather fine, and they did.



DUC VAN THOL TULIPS.

But when on December 6th a belated order of Tulip bulbs arrived, and I had not a place prepared for them, for I had given up their coming, and a cold drizzly rain was falling, I thought "Well, its too late for them to ever do any good". But they were such nice fat bulbs, that I could not bear to give them up without a struggle. I felt sure that it would turn cold after the rain was over, and I decided that if my bulbs were going into the ground at all, it must be at once. So I donned an old overcoat belonging to some of the men-folks, and rigged myself up in a style that would have made a very creditable scare-crow, and armed with a spade, I sallied forth. I dug a trench about four inches deep along the front edge of my hardy perennial border, for it was the only place I could possibly work with any speed in that sticky drizzle. Then I very hurriedly and carelessly tucked the brown bulbs in the trench, about four inches apart, using almost no care, only that they were right side up, covered them up, and hastened in out of the rain. For the first time in my life I proved to be a good weather prophet. The rain soon turned to snow, and at night it cleared off and froze hard, and there was not another day during the winter that the ground could be worked.

I did not count much on my blossoms from *those* Tulips, but nevertheless, I persuaded the laddie to haul a couple of wheelbarrow loads of strong manure from the barn, and scatter over the snow above them, when he was home from college for his Christmas vacation. But lo! and behold! Those very Tulips made as brave a show in the spring as any I had, only coming into bloom a little later than others of the same varieties, which lengthened the Tulip season several days.

But late as the December planting was, it was not to be my last. One of the Christmas presents which gave me the most pleasure was a package of bulbs, some of which were Tulips, from a friend who knew that I was a "flower crank". The ground was frozen hard, and covered with snow, and how I did thank my stars for that box of dirt down cellar that I had put there to use in repotting plants which perhaps did not seem to be doing well, and for the seed-boxes in very early spring. I filled a large flat box that was about six inches deep, about half full of this soil, which was about equal parts of garden soil, leaf-mould and sand, then set my Tulip bulbs two inches apart each way, and then finished filling the box with dirt, watered it well, and set it in the cellar.

By the time the ground could be worked in the spring, the Tulips were pushing through their covering, and I set them on a sunny porch for a few days, then dug a hole in a flower-bed, a little larger than the box, carefully pried the bottom boards off, and set it in the hole, and threw the dirt up around the box. Everyone of them bloomed beautifully, and they were planted the first day of January. Who can beat that for late and successful planting?

Margaret Flindt.

Jefferson Co., Iowa, Sept. 21, 1910.

TEXAS WILD FLOWERS.

WITH OTHERS I regret that our choice wild flowers are becoming extinct. On a trip through my native State, Texas, I was surprised to find many sections almost barren of the bright stars of earth. From Llano to Austin the sand was not much cultivated, and wild flowers were plentiful; but near Austin you see nothing but cultivated land fenced with barbed wire, and farmed as close to the fence as possible. I passed through Georgetown, Temple, Waco, Dallas, Fort Worth, and on to Greenville. Thirty years ago this was a waving mass of red, white and blue, with gold intermingled. Now not a flower is to be seen, except coarse ones, such as Sunflower and Jimpson. Even the meadows were conspicuously barren, and pastures were so closely grazed that a flower dared not show its head. I came back to the rocks, hills and mountains, and thanked God for a place they could not cultivate, where Nature has her sway, regardless of man's wishes.



"rocks, hills and mountains."

I do not wonder that people come to Llano from afar to enjoy the scenery. It is worth a long journey during the rainy season. I wish I knew the names of all the wild flowers that grow here, so I could tell about them. Our winters are mild. The first autumn rains start the plants to growing and blooming, and thus winter rambling is a joy.

The first wild flower creeps close to the ground, with fern-like foliage and greenish, onion-like, ill-scented flowers. The next is a bulbous plant with dark green foliage and waxen-white cup-shaped flowers which appear after every rain. Some call it Crow Poison, but its better name is Rain Lily. The next is a sky-blue flower in clusters as large as a teacup, on a stem a foot high, and bears Cypress-like foliage. Then come yellow Alyssum, Sweet William, purple Verbena, Butterfly Lily, Blue Bonnet, Buffalo Clover, Wild Plum, Wild Peach, Wild Onion, and as spring advances there are hundreds of nameless beauties. In April large, white Daisies appear, also Buttercups, Old Maid, and many of the Cactus family bloom, among them M. Missouriensis, one of the most beautiful. This Cactus is the size of a bucket or wash-tub, and is one mass of large, bright red flowers. In May and June the Texas Mimosa blooms, showing red, pink and yellow flowers; flowering Peas in many kinds and colors; yellow Daisies and Calliopsis. The latter is known in many varieties under the name of Nigger-heads.



VERBENA.



MIMOSA.

Go where you will at this season—to mountain-top, rocky hill or fertile valley you cannot fail to see the Yucca, its stalk from eight to ten feet high, and loaded with cream-white bells. One blooming stalk is a heavy load for a grown person to carry. The sight is grand, for one can see as many as fifteen in full bloom standing close together.



YUCCA.

There seems no end to the varietes of Cactus found native here, and I shall not attempt to describe them. They seem peculiarly adapted to this climate, and grow in many fine colors.

Mrs. E. S. Parkhill.

Llano, Texas, July 8, 1910.

Echinocystis lobata.—Echinocystis lobata, better known as Wild Cucumber, is an easily grown annual vine that should be found in every collection. The amateur will do well to plant it. When once established, it comes up year after year from self-sown seeds, growing over thirty feet in a single season. In the late summer months the vines are covered with feathery, white flowers having a delightful fragrance. Later the flowers are followed by odd-looking, prickly seed pods. The seeds should be planted in the autumn.

Ella M. Ahler.

Henderson Co., Ill., Sept. 19, 1910.

Rooting Cuttings.—In rooting Geraniums I always place the cuttings in a large-mouthed bottle, put some sand in the bottle, tie a string around it and hang it up. In about seven or eight days you can see the roots, and in two or three weeks they can be taken out and planted in soil. You can root Roses, Petunias, Oleander, and all kinds of cuttings this way. I always have good success with any kind of a cutting I want to grow.

Mrs. J. I. Rhoads.

Sedgwick Co., Kan., Sept. 21, 1910.

To Stop Leaf-dropping.—Mr. Editor:—If Mrs. M. R. P., of Michigan, will allow her plants to become dry in the pots, then water thoroughly with a solution of lime-water, also put a small quantity of sulphur in the soil, I think the leaves will stop falling, and become a bright glossy green. This is especially recommended for Geraniums and Begonias.

Lizzie Heacock.

Henry Co., Ind., Sept. 19, 1910.

PERENNIALS FROM SEEDS.

THE GARDENER who has not plenty of money at her command, cannot sit down with a pencil and an alluring catalogue in hand, and order promiscuously everything that appeals to her fancy; but everything has its compensations, and I sometimes wonder if those who can order what they will, by the dozen, or hundred, or even thousand, get as much pleasure from their flowers as we who must revise our list over and over again, and then wait until our depleted pocket-book is replenished to buy some long-wished-for plant or bulb.

For us a packet of seeds holds wonderful possibilities, especially if one wants a lot of high-priced perennials. The true flower-lover enjoys them from the time the first tender leaf appears until they finally blossom, which in case of perennials is usually the second year, and if one succeeds in raising enough for herself and to spare a few to a friend, she is happy indeed.

It is most puzzling, however, to understand the perversity of such things, and the difficulties which beset us on every hand. I tried for years to raise Foxgloves. I bought paper after paper of seeds, and they usually came up well, but either froze to death, or were smothered to death, by the covering I gave them. I bought plants, and because of being moved in the spring they would not bloom that year, and they would go the way of my seedlings the next winter. Finally I managed to carry a few plants over the first winter, which I am sure is as precarious a time for Foxgloves, as grandmothers believe the "second summer" in a baby's life to be. I decided that I would try Nature's plan in raising my plants, and not coax and coddle them so much. So, when my few plants were done blooming I left the tall stalks, unsightly as they were, till all the seeds ripened, then cut them and laid them along the perennial border among other plants and flowers. Last fall there were hundreds of tiny plants came up. I do not know whether they survived the winter, or whether they were frozen and others came up this spring, but I do know that I have quantities of fine plants. They look as thrifty as clumps of Mullein, which they resemble. They surely can't all be winter-killed this time, and I hope to have a fine show of them next year, and my friends to whom I have given plants will have some as well as myself.



FOXGLOVE.

I have had the best of success in raising such plants as Shasta Daisies, Columbine, Gaillardias, Sweet Williams, Pinks and Coreopsis the same way. If I ever get a start of Delphiniums I hope to have them in such quantities as I would like to have. I have bought and planted seeds of them each year, for so many that I am ashamed to say, and have bought a few plants, and had a few given me, and this year I only had one to bloom, and it was a sort of nondescript, dirty blue, that was not at all pretty. But from a packet of seeds I have three fine-looking plants which I raised this year, at least one of which I hope is the pretty, big, dark blue, semi-double ones that I do so covet.



DELPHINIUM.

With most hardy perennials I have splendid success, by scattering the seeds as they ripen, among other plants, the shade and shelter of the same being an ideal place for the tender seedlings to thrive. It is true one cannot have as neat-looking beds or borders in this way, for the ground around the plants cannot be cultivated, and the mixture of plants gives a sort of "cluttered up" appearance; but an occasional resetting of beds and borders is a good thing anyway, and can be done after one gets the necessary plants started.

Margaret Flindt.

Jefferson Co., Iowa, Sept. 21, 1910.

A Pineapple. — During the summer I bought some Pineapples, and carefully cut the top off of one and placed it in a bed in the garden. A month ago I took it up, and found it had tiny roots, so I potted it, and gave it a warm place. It is growing nicely, and I find it very interesting. It requires a good deal of water, and such drainage that the water will not stand about the roots. Mrs. P. Wilson.

Steuben Co., Ind., Sept. 18, 1910.

FLORAL POETRY.

WHERE THE GOLDEN SUNFLOWERS GROW.

As I sit here idly dreaming,
When the cares of day are o'er,
And the sun is slowly sinking in the west,
Oft' I find my thoughts are straying
To my old home far away—
It was there I met the one I love the best.

Fairest flower of the prairies,
And my bride she said she'd be,
When I told life's old sweet story long ago,
While the evening sunbeams lingered,
And the lark his glad song thrilled,
O'er the prairies where the golden Sunflowers grow.

Where the golden Sunflowers grow,
Where the skies with azure glow,
'Twas there I spent the happiest days I know;
And to mind where'er I roam
Come sweet mem'ries of my home
On the prairies where the golden Sunflowers grow.

We were married in the springtime,
Then our hearts were free from care,
And the sky of life still wore the rosy glow;
Now we're happy and contented
As the evening shades draw near,
Yet a sadness comes with tho'ts of long ago.

For the old home-ties are broken,
And the loved ones scattered far,
Some have gone beyond the silent rivers' flow:
And no more we'll meet together,
As we did in days of yore,
On the prairies where the golden Sunflowers grow.

Fall River, Kan., Aug. 15, 1910. G. L. Arnel.

THANKSGIVING DAY.

On the hill-tops and the mountains,
Where the golden sunbeams play,
There the trees in gorgeous beauty
Now are decked in bright array,
Where the Autumn nuts are falling,
There the squirrels frisk in their glee,
There the crows are sadly calling
As they flit from tree to tree.

Tho' the flowers that bloomed have faded,
And the birds have flown away,
Still are left us many blessings
On this glad Thanksgiving Day.
For the blessings fall around us,
Like the dew from cloudless sky;
Let us thank Him for His goodness,
For His blessings from on high.

We have reaped a bounteous harvest
From the valley and the plain;
We have gathered in our apples,
And our sheaves of golden grain:
Let us thank with true thanksgiving,
As we gather round the board;
Then we'll feast and all be merry,
And we'll ever praise the Lord.

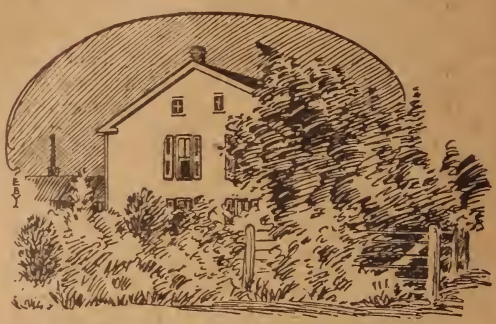
Rosa Quarles.
Stewartsville, Va., Sept. 22, 1910.

THE OLD FARM HOME.

Softly fall the evening shadows,
And the sunset lingers, too,
As I pass the dear old homestead
Which my early childhood knew.

Dear old home with vine-clad windows,
Nestled 'mongst the flowers in state,
With the swing beneath the Willow
In the lane down by the gate.

Pæonies, Phlox, the Rose and Lilies,
Lined the pathway to the stile,
How I've breathed their pleasing fragrance,
Sitting there to rest awhile.



Orchard filled with luscious apples,
Shady Maples in the grove,
Cherries, berries, grapevines, pear-trees,
Crabs and Mulberries in the cove.

Stile and rail-fence now have vanished,
Farm scenes fade as mornings dawn;
E'en the Willow seems a-weeping
For the days now past and gone.

No more we see the faces dear
That greeted us in by-gone years,
And all that's left is mem'ry's dream,
Softened by affection's tears.

Kane Co., Ill. Mrs. Phil. Hix.

NEATH THE OLD APPLE TREE

The hammock that swings neath the old appletrees,
Where fragrance of elder-blooms float on the breeze,
Seems tempting me oft to be swung to and fro,
As birds in their nests when soft winds blow.

When the sun's last rays sinking low in the west,
And twilight enticing all Nature to rest—
When the moon shines bright in the star-sprinkled sky,
And peeps through the leaflets where boughs meet on high,

Then a longing steals o'er me for that hammock's embrace,
Where so deftly sweet Nature all troubles efface;
There's a feeling of weariness nought else can appease,
But the hammock that swings neath the old appletrees.

Mrs. Emma J. Ford.
Chicago, Ill., Aug. 30, 1910.

VIOLETS, WHERE DO YOU GROW?

Violets, sweet Violets, where do you grow?
Under my feet and under the snow;
In meadows, by streams where the clean waters flow,
Oh, there the sweet Violets grow.

Lottie Elliott.
Kingman Co., Kan., April 30th, 1910.

THE BEST DAY IS TODAY.

Write it in your heart, men,
Tell it far and near,
Every day's the best day,
The best day of the year.

At our back are golden hours
Never to return;
(What to us are faded flowers,
Save to scent the urn?)
At our back the misspent days,
Days of pain or dread,—
Days receding in the haze,
Of the Past and Dead.

Write it in your heart, then,
Skies be blue or drear,
Every day's the best day,
The best day of the year.

What to us the days unborn,
In the great unknown?
Faith smiles at the coming morn,
Hope and Love attune.
Still today is fairer still,
For we *know* its charms,
As the babe of all the world,
Lies in mothers' arms.

Write it in your hearts, girls—
Fields be green or sere—
That today's the best day,
The best day of the year.

Of the future days in store,
Worry not, the Master said;
And a wise man spake of yore,
"Leave the dead past with its dead!"
'Twixt the unknown and the known,
Learning lessons from the Past,
Looking to the Future's throne,
Let us *live* as 'twere our last.

Write it in your heart, boys,
Seas be bright or blear,
That today's the best day,
The best day of the year.

Ulysses R. Perrine.

Greenfield, Mich., Aug. 10, 1910.

PANSIES.

Ah, the Pansies' lovely faces
Bring the joy that fancy traces;
Thoughts that wander yon and hither,
Lasting though the flowers wither.

Day by day they gather brightness,
And they scatter joy and lightness,
By a voice of sweeter things,
Nature's melody that sings.



If keyed our ear to finer tone
Nature makes her beauty known;
The thoughts we trace in these fair faces
Are pure and sweet as Pansy faces.

Thus Pansies claim my loyalty,
As garbed they are in royalty,
Gems set in gold without alloy,
That speak of love and hope and joy.

Molly Betty.

LosAngeles Co., California, July 2, 1910.

LEGEND OF THE FORGET-ME-NOT.

The sun was fast declining
In land beyond the sea,
And it made a path of glory
Of the Danube, wide and free;

By its side were idly strolling
A knight and lady fair;
He a sturdy German soldier,
She a maid with sunny hair.



By the riverside was growing
A little flower of heavenly blue,
Which he stooped to pluck for Fraulein,
For it matched her eyes in hue.

But the bank was very treacherous,
And he slipped beneath the wave—
"Vergiss mein nicht," he said, in dying,
"Forget-me-not," there's none to save.

Ever since, this timid flower,
We have called Forget-me-not;
'Tis an emblem of affection,
True in every deed and thought.

S. Royalton, Vt., May 9, 1910. Elsie Case.

THE HOME FOR ALL.

O give me a home in the country wide,
In the valley green, by the riverside,
Where the hunter wild in the days agone,
Has wandered the forest all alone.

Where flow'rs of spring shed their odor around,
And tall forest trees in numbers abound;
Where spring like a fount of water bursts forth
As clear and bright as the star of the North.

Such a home, I fancy, our fathers once loved;
And a happy one, doubtless, it often has proved;
But, alas, such a home though pleasant it be,
From sickness and sorrow can never be free.

But there is a home freely offered for all,
The rich and the poor, the great and the small;
That home in the skies by the River of Life,
Is free from all sickness, sorrow and strife.

Shelby Co., O., Sept. 30, 1910. John M. Bruner.

HAS PASSED AWAY.

The beautiful summer has passed away,
With sadness we number'd each short'ning day;
The sweet summer flowers have faded and gone,
And nightly the cricket is singing his song.
The rich fruits of autumn are ripening now,
Red apples swing from the fruit-laden bough:
Clusters of grapes on the clambering vine,
Fast turn purple in the mild sunshine.

The Golden-rod flashes its yellow plume,
Beside the highway the wild Asters bloom,
And fringed Gentian flowers opening their eyes,
Seem a reflection of the blue skies.
The ripening corn with its rustling leaves,
Gently surges and sways in the autumn breeze:
The Maples are turning to gold and red,
Reminding us all that summer has fled.

Green Hill, R. I. Emma S. Barney.

TO AN ABSENT MOTHER.

I could not sing for your birthday,
My mother—mother dear,
Because I've wanted to see you
For many, many a year.
My lips refused to be joyful,
And my heart refused to be gay,
Because of my longing to see you,
And you so far away!

And I thought, "It will soon be winter,
With its ice and snow as of old,
And I will be here in the sunshine,
And you will be there in the cold.
The Maples will all be leafless,
And the grass will be brown and sear,
And the wind in the Pine trees mournful,
And the flowers and birds not here."

The birds, you say you will miss them,
With their happy songs of cheer;
I wonder, would you be lonesome
If you came and found them here?
I would have you rest for a season,
From the work you have done so long,
Though your duty has been your pleasure,
And your heart kept brave and strong,

I have told you my love in letters,
That you doubt it, I have no fear,
But I want to "do things for you";
And whisper it in your ear.
So I could not sing for your birthday,
And I did not even try,
For I knew there would be no music,
If each chorus was a sigh.

But it seems to me now it was selfish,
For my heart to refuse to sing,
Because of the things I have longed for,
That the years have failed to bring.
For they scattered many a blessing
On our paths—those years gone by,
And perhaps the dear, dim future,
For us has a sunny sky.

And life without hope is a desert,
So I'll let its star still shine,
And trust a way may be opened,
And your dear, warm lips touch mine.
I will bid my heart be thankful,
And leave the coming years
To One who knows what will give us joy,
Or dim our eyes with tears.

Claremont, Cal., Sept. 10, 1910. E. M. M.

MY MUSK.

On an early morn of a dripping June,
Through the trail in the tear-stained brake,
Where the cows lured on by the creek's low tune,
Wander far that their thirst may slake,
It was there,
That I sought my Musk.

On the sloping brink grew some thistles rank,
That seemed proud to have chosen the spot;
In their heart deep down had a seedlet sank,
Yet it grew in its troublous lot,
It was there,
That I found my Musk.

There, its sword-points thrust, and daggers drawn,
Must I let such a prize?
Opening its gold-cups, into which the sun shone,
Emitting such fragrance to beckon me on;
Brave and true,
Thou sweet-scented Musk.

So, not crushed by the thorns and thistles of earth
See some pure souls dwelling nigh to their grasp
Unscathed they remain, unfolding their growth,
Give out sweetness, and feeling no rasp,
Catch the eye
Of God's heaven like my Musk.

Nashville, Ore., Mar. 11, 1910. Louisa Nash.

MEMORIES OF SUMMER.

While the world all enveloped in slumber lay,
Fair summer from us gently passed away.
None knew of the sorrowful passing hour,
Nor when sadly drooped each precious flower.
The song-bird's sweet music is hushed and still,
The air with grim frost is frigid and still,
No more of summer's sun nor gentle showers,
No more shady woods, nor fond leafy bowers.

Ah, the bright, lovely flowers of yesterday,
Too tender and fair to long with us stay!
Alas, when their beauty had reached full height,
That all should have perish'd in one fleeting night.
Alas, that the summer's fair beauties have fled,
And left all around me the brown, withered dead.
I look on the fallen stems, then breathe a sigh,
As I whisper to Summer a sad good-bye.

But gifts of the summer are strewn o'er the plain,
The ripe, mellow fruit, and the rich, golden grain,
And treasures of wealth to be all garnered in
To storehouse, granary and empty bin.
We cherish the memory, left freely to all,
The memories dear we shall often recall,
Of the glorious scenes and the days all sublime,
Fond memories sweet of the summer time.

Brainard, Minn., Aug.19, 1910. Mary A. Wilson.

QUEEN OF THE LAWN.

The beautiful bloom of the autumn Rose
Comes out with its fragrance sweet,
And tries with the grand Chrysanthemums,
In loveliness to compete;
But which is most handsome, who can tell,
For both are very, very fair;
But should you, on fragrance, decide the point,
The Rose will be gaining there.

For what is so sweet as a sweet, sweet Rose,
There's nothing that will compare
With the delicate fragrance of queenly Rose,
So dainty, delicious, rare.
Some flowers, it may be, are sweeter far,
Yet sick'ning they'll often be,
For flowers of which I will never tire,
Oh! then give the Rose to me.

Martha Sheppard Lippincott.

Philadelphia, Pa., June 28, 1910.

WHEN THE HYACINTHS ARE BLOOMING.

When the Hyacinths are blooming,
Then the birds are blithe and gay.
And the Whip-poor-wills are coming
From the southland far away;
Then the air is filled with fragrance
Of the Hyacinths so rare,
And the fields are filled with Violets,
And the woodlands over there.

Flowers sweet in wild profusion,
Now are spread in bright array,
And the graceful Ferns now waving
With the golden sunbeams play.
Borne upon the gentle breezes
Is the fragrant breath of spring,
Out among the budding trees
Where the robins gaily sing.

Stewartsville, Pa.,Sept. 22, 1910. Rosa Quarles.

TAKE ME TO MY CHILDHOOD'S HOME.

Oh! take me away, away,
From the sordid world of life,
Back to the dear old day,
Away from the struggle and strife,—

Back to my dear old home,
Back to the wooded hill,
Back to the pasture I used to roam,
And the brooklet with mossy rill.

Flower Cottage, Ill. Ella M. Ahlers.

CRINUM.

FOR MORE than ten years I have had a Crinum bulb in a gallon jar. I have not repotted it for years. Each year it takes a ride of nine miles to the County Fair, and comes home with the 1st premium card tied to its long strap leaves.

I let it dry out through the winter, and the foliage dies off, leaf by leaf, until it is leafless, but it seems to know when spring comes, as it will begin to grow before I water it, even when dry for months. This year was a very dry year, and with so many house plants that had to be watered the Crinum was set out under a Rose bush all summer, neglected. A few weeks before the Fair, September 13th, 1910, I brought it to the porch to water and prepare it for its journey. In a few days I notice a cluster of buds, with a sturdy blossom-stalk, and behold my Crinum was going to bloom, for the first time. How it grew! Soon the blossoms were open, pure white with red stripe through the petals, the shape somewhat like an Amaryllis. Proudly it went to the Fair in bloom, but not appreciated by the judge of the flowers, who had never seen a Crinum before, but who tied the 1st premium card on my dear old plant. Ima.



CRINUM.

Geauga Co., Ohio, Sept. 30, 1910.

Geranium Hints.—I always have good luck repotting my small Geranium plants. I lift them carefully, and avoid pressing the dirt hard so as not to injure the tender roots. I potted fifty plants this way, and lost none until they were large enough to bloom; then the alkali in the soil rotted them off. But I am not going to give up, I am going to keep on trying. Mrs. J. I. Rhoads.

Sedgewick Co., Kan., Sept. 21, 1910.

Note.—The alkali that causes plants to "rot off" is known chemically as carbonate of soda. Land thus surcharged can be improved by applying land plaster (sulphate of lime). This will change the carbonate of soda into sulphate of soda, which is a less harmful alkali.—Ed.

A Sponge Garden. — Draw a cord through a large sponge to hang it up by, then sow it full of wheat, grass or flax seeds, and place in a shallow dish of water once a day to absorb moisture. In a few days the seeds will germinate, when it can be hung up in the window and will soon be a perfect ball of green. If wet every day it will last a long time, and is a great curiosity.

Mrs. J. Rezabeck.

Madison Co., Ill., Sept. 26, 1910.

TULIPS.

IF YOU DON'T already have a large Tulip bed, order a quantity of bulbs without fail. Spade a well-drained spot deeply, and unless the soil is rich and of a gravelly nature, use decayed manure and sand until you are sure the soil would grow excellent vegetables. Set the bulbs by directions sent



MIXED TULIPS.

with them, then, after a freeze, cover the bed with strawy manure. Where one has taken up the Cannas, will be a fine place for Tulips or Hyacinths, by adding some fertilizer. Get good bulbs of the varieties and colors preferred. Personally I admire a bed of the mixed single Tulips. There is always an agreeable surprise awaiting one. Then it seems to me the single ones are more graceful.

M. E. Clearwaters.

Vermilion Co., Ind., Aug. 19, 1910.

French Marigolds.—I am very well pleased with the little French Marigolds. I have a plant in bloom now that would take a washtub to hold it. It has a freak limb that bears plain, rich, double orange flowers, while all the rest of the plant has reddish velvet flowers. They are just as double as roses. The plant has a pretty appearance, as there are so many buds and flowers, and they contrast well with the green foliage. H. J. Canan.



FRENCH MARIGOLD.

Crawford Co., Ill., Sept. 15, 1910.

The Care of an Air Plant.—With a slender wire or silk thread attach the plant to a forked branch, and suspend in the window. A bit of Sphagum moss between the branch and plant will help secure the plant more firmly, and also supply it with moisture. If the room is dry and warm immerse the branch in water each day, letting it remain until the plant has absorbed all the water it can hold. If the atmosphere in the room is moist two or three immersions a week will be enough.

Mrs. J. Rezabeck.

Madison Co., Ill., Sept. 26, 1910.

IMPATIENS HOLSTI.

I PLANTED AN Impatiens Holsti in a small box that holds over a gallon of rich dirt. To my surprise it spread out over the box, like some creeping plant would do, in place of growing up tall. It has rich, dark green leaves, and is larger around than a candy bucket, and is just as full as it can



IMPATIENS HOLSTI.

be of buds and flowers. It is a thing of beauty. H. J. Canan.

Crawford Co., Ill., Sept. 15, 1910.

Phacelia and Nolana.— Who has ever tried growing Phacelia? It is a beautiful annual which should be better known. It is easily grown, and will begin to bloom a month after the seeds are sown. It has cup-shaped flowers of the most beautiful blue. I had a few plants between my Sweet Alyssum, and the effect was wondrous.



NOLANA.

Another annual not found in many gardens is Nolana, a beautiful trailing plant, with cup-shaped flowers. It is pretty as a carpet for a bed, and also handsome as a basket-plant. The slender stems branch, and bear an abundance of flowers. Lena C. Ahler.

Stronghurst, Ill., Oct. 7, 1910.

Moss Roses in Minnesota.—This year everything suffered from drought except my Moss Roses, and they were fine. I had ten plants, and one day I counted 110 flowers. Since frosts came I have given away the old plants, and the young ones are growing and beginning to bloom. Mrs. E. W. Mellis.

Otter Tail Co., Minn., Sept. 20, 1910.

Rubra Begonia.— In May my Rubra Begonia, one year old, sent up a shoot that is now (Aug. 19th) three feet tall, the stem three times as large as the parent stalk, and still growing. No blooms are on it, but the older stems have been in bloom constantly since May. Mrs. E. Clearwaters.

Vermilion Co., Ind.

NOTES ON CACTI.

WHILE SOME of the Cacti are not attractive to the general observer save when in bloom, many have a fascination for those who give their attention to the class as a whole; and for the time required in their care, they give excellent returns. There is scarcely a plant more easily started. We have had slips sent across the continent; and while Geraniums and other plants failed to start, never a Cactus refused to grow. They will bear neglect and still live. They have few insect enemies, and the blossoms are almost always of surpassing beauty.

Many think that the Cactus requires little or no water. There are seasons of the year when this is true; but when the plant is growing it enjoys water just as much as a Geranium; and most of the species will do better for an occasional draught of liquid manure. But this should be given gradually as the season advances, and never after the plant shows an inclination to rest. Various species rest at different seasons. We must watch the habits of each plant to determine how to treat it.

Cacti of the Cereus type, those with slender, leafless stems, should be kept in a warm, dry place through the winter and only watered enough to keep them from drying. The Phyllocactus, characterized by leafy stems, may be placed in a cellar if it is not so damp as to induce rot. Only those of the Prickly Pear type are hardy enough to endure a northern winter without protection.

The Cactus is easily grafted, some grotesque as well as some pleasing forms being a result. A pleasing fancy is to use one of the upright Cereus as a standard upon which to graft the trailing forms. Simply make an incision in the stalk, insert the graft, and pin in place with a spine from the plant.

Crawford Co., Pa. Bessie L. Putnam.

Native Asters.— I cannot understand why our flower-loving people do not cultivate the native Asters. I have some in my garden, and they grow five feet high, yielding loads of pretty blossoms. This fall I shall go to the country and get some more varieties. They are so beautiful, and so easily cared for. Fred Myers.



NATIVE ASTERS.

Lima, Ohio, Sept. 29, 1910.

Pink Cactus.—I have a pink Cactus that blooms in the spring. I do not know the name of it, but it is a lovely plant.

Mrs. J. H. Troth.

Scotland Co., Mo., May 10, 1910.

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PLEASE NOTE:—This is the last offer of the season. After this month such plants as I can supply will cost 10 cents each. so do not neglect to order this month.

Hardy Plants and Shrubs.—These are omitted for want of room this month, but I can still supply those listed last month, except the following: Apios, Begonia Evansiana, Cerastium, Geranium Maculatum and Pratense, Japan Iris Gloire de Rothschild and Mont Blanc, Myosotis Alpestris, Pansy, Pæonies named, Phlox, Pinks, Salvia Sclarea, Tricyrtus, Hydrangea paniculata and arborescens, Tamarix, Viburnum, and Xantherhiza. These I am short of.

Window Plants.

Abutilon Mesopotamicum
Thomsonii Plena
Santana
Souv. de Bonn
Royal Scarlet
Golden Fleece

Note. — A. Mesopotamicum is a climber, and one of the best winter-blooming pot-plants; flowers red, gold and brown; drooping, very beautiful.

Acacia Lophantha Dwarf
Acalypha Macafæana
Sanderi
Achania Malvaviscus
Achyranthus,new Carmine
Emersoni
Ægopodium podagraria
Ageratum, white
Amomum Cardamomum
Angelonia grandiflora
Anomatheca cruenta
Aristolochia elegans
Arum Cornutum



Asparagus Sprengeri
Tenuissimus
Decumbens

Note. — Asparagus decumbens is a new, rare and lovely drooping plant for a pot or basket. I have fine plants of it.

Bauhinia purpurea

Note. This is a superb pot-shrub North, and a grand blooming tree at the far South. The foliage is charming, and the big rosy flowers with purple blotch, not unlike a big Azalea flower, are borne in clusters for several months. I have fine plants two years old. You will certainly be pleased with this rare and elegant exotic.

Begonia robusta
Argenta Guttata
Alba Picta
Feasti
Mrs. Morrison

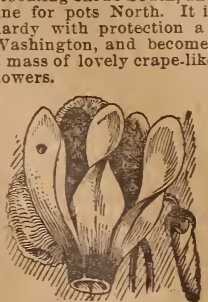
Note.— B. Mrs. Morrison has lovely lobed soft-green foliage, is easily grown and bears big scapes of exquisite rosy flowers.

Bougainvillea Sanderi

Note.— This is a lovely, free-blooming, greenhouse, shrubby vine. In the South it is used as a trellis or pillar vine. The flowers are purple, in huge clusters.

Brugmansia suaveolens
Cactus, Opuntia variegata
Queen of Night
Calla, spotted-leaf
Carex Japonica
Carica Papaya
Coleus Verschaffelti
Carmine Glow
Princess Yetive
Booker Washington
Ruby
Fire-hrand
Fancy mixed
Crape Myrtle, Purple, Pink and Crimson

Note. — This is a fine blooming shrub South, and fine for pots North. It is hardy with protection at Washington, and becomes a mass of lovely crape-like flowers.



Cyclamen Emperor Wm.
James Prize
White, red eye
Mixed
Crassula cordata
Cuphea Platycentra
Cyperus Alternifolius, Umbrella Plant
Canna variegata
Robusta, red-leaved
Clianthus fragrans
Erythrina crista galli
Eucomis punctata
Euphorbia splendens
Nephrolepis compacta
Pierson
Scottii, dwarf
Ficus repens
Fuchsia Speciosa, single
Little Prince, single
Silver King,
Fulgens



Geranium, Zonale, variety
Variegated in variety
Scented Balm
Scented Rose
Gloxinia
Grevillea robusta

Note.—This is the Australian Silk Oak, a fine shade-tree South, and an elegant ornamental plant of easy culture North. I offer strong, well-grown plants.

Guava, common
Cattleyana

Note.—The Cattleyana Guava is a splendid pot-plant at the North, with shining evergreen foliage, and bearing delicious fruit. It is of easy culture. The common Guava is more vigorous, and bears larger fruit. They begin fruiting when small, and are more desirable for the window than Orange or Lemon. I offer fine plants.

Habrothamnus elegans
Heliotrope, white, violet
Heterocentron album
Hibiscus, Peach Blow
Hoya Carnosa

Note.—This is the Wax plant, beautiful in both foliage and flower. It is a vine, free-blooming, evergreen, and of easy culture in pots.

Ivy, Irish or parlor
Jasmine Revolutum
Grandiflorum
Gracillinum
Justicia sanguinea
Velutina
Lantana, weeping
Yellow Queen
Dwarf hybrids in variety

Note. — Lantana plants bloom continuously in the summer, and in a warm, sunny window in winter will keep up the display in the house. The flowers are pretty and showy.

Lavender, Tree

Note.—A pretty pot plant North, and out door shrub South; lavender, fragrant.

Lemon, American Wonder
Mackaya Bella
Manettia bicolor
Mesembrianth'm grandifl.
Mexican Primrose

Note.—This is a fine basket plant; flowers large, rose-colored, borne freely, and showy.

Moon Flower
Nasturtium, double-yellow
Oxalis Golden Star, yellow

Note.— This is a climbing Oxalis with golden clusters of bloom. It grows vigorously, has lovely foliage and flowers, and is nearly always in bloom. Give trellis support.



Palm Phœnix Tenuis
Pritchardia Filamentosa
Brahea Filamentosa
Palmetto

Palm, Date

Note.—I have a good variety of these, well-rooted, healthy little plants (see above list). All are easily grown, and my friends should order when I have a supply.

Pawpaw Florida
Peperomia maculosa
Pilea Muscosa
Poinsettia Pulcherrima
Polygonum multiflorum
Pittosporum Tobiræ Undulatum

Note.—I have fine plants of both of these evergreen greenhouse shrubs. They are pot plants North, and out door plants South; flowers lovely white, fragraut and beautiful; rare.

Primula Chinese, pink, red, white and striped
Obconica, pink, red and white.
Salvia Alfred Ragueneau
Splendens, Bonfire
Salvia Coccinea splendens
Rutilans
Sanseviera Zeylanica
Senecio petisites



Smilax Boston

Solanum grandiflorum
Rantonetti
Sollya heterophylla
Strobilanthes Dyerianus
Anisophyllus
Surinam Cherry

Note.—This is a beautiful evergreen shrub with small shining leaves, densely set. It blooms and bears in clusters. The flowers cherry-like, followed by pretty and delicious scarlet fruit. Often flowers and ripe fruit will be found in the same cluster. I offer fine plants, two years old.

Tacoma Smithii
Thunbergia Grandiflora
Fragrans
Tradescantia Zebrina
Umbrella Tree

Note.—A popular shade tree South, and fine pot plant North. Flowers lavender blue, in large panicles, showy and beautiful.

Veronica spicata
Longiflora
Veronica Imperialis



Vinca rosea

Note.— This is a pretty, winter-blooming plant; foliage, rich shining green; flowers Phlox-like, distinct and handsome.

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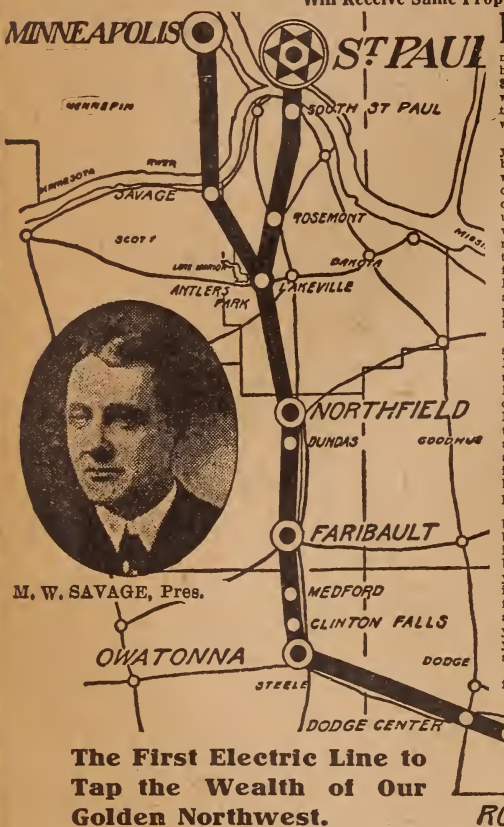
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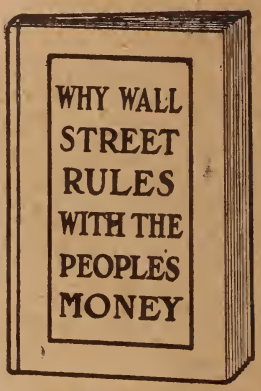
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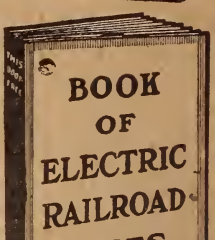
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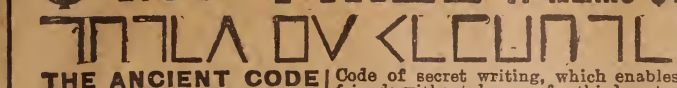
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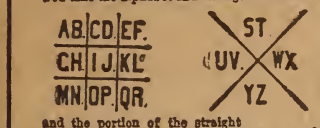
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Plymouth, Wis., Aug. 31, 1910.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a farmer boy 12 years old and have taken your Magazine for three years. I like it very much. I think it is cruel to kill the harmless birds, for they make the world beautiful with their songs. Geo. Verriel.

W. Paris, Maine, Aug. 24, 1910.

Dear Mr. Park:—Mamma has taken your Magazine for a good while, and I enjoy it. I live on a farm. Fruit is scarce in this part of Ohio. I love all kinds of flowers and song-birds. My favorite bird is the robin. Postals exchanged.

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Dear Mr. Park:—I am 16 years old and live on a farm of 320 acres. We raise cattle, hogs, chickens and flowers, but it was so dry here that the flowers did not grow well. Postals exchanged.

DesMoines, New Mexico. Ruth Brooks.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a farmer's boy and like to work on the farm. I enjoy the country where there are birds and wild flowers. I go to school in the winter. I like your paper. Postals exchanged. Jesse Welch.

Dial, W. Va., Sept. 1, 1910.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little girl, and love to read your Magazine. I love all kinds of flowers, and have a bed of early wild flowers. Postals exchanged. Nellie Dailey.

Chrisman, Ill., Sept. 3, 1910.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little crippled girl. I live on a farm, and like flowers very much. I planted some this summer and intend to plant more next year. I am going to school and am in the 6th grade. I had a stroke of paralysis when I was small, which made me quite a cripple, it affected my whole left side, especially my hand and foot, which makes it a little difficult for me to handle things, and also to walk. I enjoy reading the Children's Corner very much. I am 14 years of age. Would be pleased to exchange post cards. Fannie Pettigrew.

Cabool, Mo., Sept. 13, 1910.

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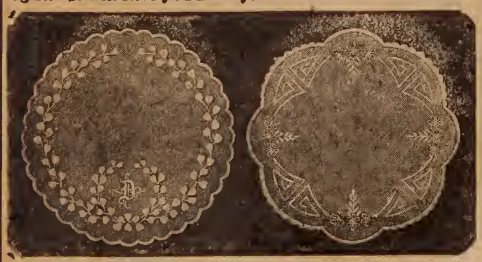
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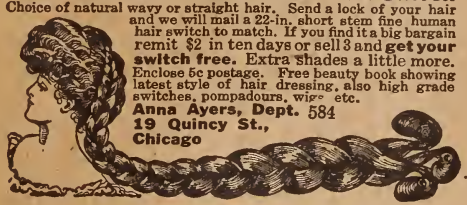


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CORRESPONDENCE.

From Florida.—Mr. Park:—When we came to Florida and entered some land, we built on the banks of the Halifax River, someone gave us some double pink Oleanders, and some single white ones. They grew rapidly, some of them reaching from 20 to 25 feet in height. The white ones were more bushy, and were covered, except in winter, with bunches of lovely white flowers. After several years we built another house in the hammock a short distance back of the river. It is 25 years or more since we moved. All the Oleanders on the river-shore were washed away, and the old place is grown up with large Oak, Pine and Cedar trees, also Palmettos. Among them, still growing and blooming are the Oleanders. When down at the old place one day, to my surprise and delight, I came across a tall Oleander, full of lovely, pink, single flowers. It is the first and only one I have ever seen. I admire the single flowers. The dark red single ones also grew here. I see double white ones and yellow ones advertised, and I hope to add these to my collection. I do not know what to do with my Dahlia roots, whether to lift them or let them stay in the ground all winter. The ground scarcely ever freezes here. The soil is never very wet, mostly like ashes. We have much dry weather in the spring and early summer.

Ft. Orange, Fla. Aug. '10. Mrs. S. A. Montague.

Note.—If the soil is not too damp, the Dahlia roots will be as safe in the ground in winter, in Florida, as if lifted, as there are no cellars there. The fancy Caladium tubers, which are quite tender, are allowed to winter in the ground in many parts of Florida. Tuberoses and Caladium esculentum may also be left in the ground undisturbed. Florida soil seems especially adapted for the health and growth of Oleanders. A branch inserted in the ground will soon take root and become a small tree, thriving and blooming without any attention.—Ed.

About Cats.—I could write much about a cat robbing the nests of our robins. The sly sneak thief! I watched her and she watched me.



So, just as it was beginning to get light, she came. I rose up to find that she had robbed the nest. I wish to tell you that it was not a cat of ours, as I do not like them. We have two small dogs, weighing 5 and 9 pounds respectively. They are rat terriers and catch as many rats as cats do. We are fond of birds. In 8 years we only got 10 quarts of cherries from our trees, on account of the birds, but we never make a fuss, as we think that God intended the cherries for the birds as well as for man. We have plenty of other things, and we do not begrudge the birds their cherries, as we are well paid by hearing them sing. Lizzie B. Desher.

Berks Co., Pa.

Two Happy Subscribers. — About two years ago, Mr. W. S. Gross, of Washington County, Arkansas, sent in an article against cats and dogs, which was published. He received many letters from ladies, some sending cards, and some condemning his article. Among them, however, was a card picturing a flock of sheep, from a lady in Indiana. Mr. Gross answered this card, and a correspondence began which ended in a marriage on the second day of May. On the 20th of May Mr. Gross wrote the Editor this letter:

Dear Mr. Park:—I wish to sincerely thank you for the kind favor you did by inserting my little article against cats and dogs in your Magazine. By it I secured a wife, and had I searched the world over I do not think I could have found one that would have suited me better. I surely believe she is the one God intended for me. W. S. Gross.

Washington Co., Ark., May 20, 1910.

The Editor takes special pleasure in heartily wishing the happy couple long life, health, happiness and continued prosperity.

From New Jersey.—Mr. Park:—I write to report my sucess with seeds. Linaria in red, pink, blue and white grew equally well in boxes and the open border, in shade and sun, dry weather and wet, and was one of the most constant bloomers in the garden.

Clarkias came out rose and pink, the latter especially double and lovely in color. Coreopsis.



COREOPSIS

like the other two, was a new plant in our collection, but throve and bloomed, anywhere and anyhow, transplanted and neglected; they came single and double, giant and dwarf, and in all possible combinations of markings. Some tiny red ones were lovely.

Mixed Petunias were a mass of varied bloom, and well worth the little care they asked. A Sensitive Plant furnished much amusement with its antics when touched.

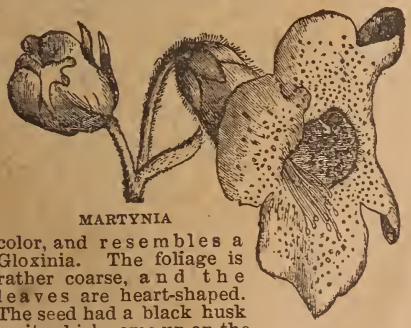
I have some Balsams from seed brought to a friend from a private garden in Denmark. They are large, double, and of a delicate lavender shade that I have never seen elsewhere, These added their beauty to the garden. Then there were the Roses, Geraniums, Amaryllis, Gladiolus, Portulaca, Candytuft, Snapdragon, Scarlet Sage, Spider Plant, and hardy shrubs and pot plants too numerous to mention. We certainly believe in flowers, and find all these mentioned easy of culture and satisfactory in bloom.

Cora S. Day.

Atco, N. J., R. F. D. Box 7, Oct. 20, 1910.

From California.—Dear Mr. Park:—The package of mixed annuals I planted in the front garden bed, and it has proved to be a constant source of interest to the surrounding neighborhood. One plant has grown very tall, about 7 feet high. From study of your catalogue and the dictionary, I have decided it to be Hemp.

In this mixed package was one quite large seed which I planted by itself in a pot. The plant has now bloomed. The flower is pretty, pink in



MARTYNIA

color, and resembles a Gloxinia. The foliage is rather coarse, and the leaves are heart-shaped. The seed had a black husk on it, which came up on the plantlet and dropped off.

I enjoy your little magazine very much, and when I have read it through sufficiently, I send it on to continue its good work in India. It goes to my sister-in-law, Dr. Sarah Vrooman, who is court physician to the Maharajah of Tehri Garhwal State. In a recent letter she spoke of your Magazine and hoped to be able to call the attention of the Maharajah to it. He cannot be approached at all times. She has to wait until he gives her audience.

Will you kindly tell me what is the price of a foreign subscription to your Magazine. The issue on finer paper preferably.

Mrs. C. L. Gardner.

San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 23, 1910.

Ans.—The plant described as having a Gloxinia-like flower is doubtless Martynia. The Magazine sent to a foreign country, is 35 cents.—Ed

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Mr. Park:— We enjoy your Floral Magazine, which has visited our family for many years. We always refer to it when we wish information regarding the culture of any new plant which we may chance to buy. Mrs. Jas. L. Barnes.
Niagara Co., N. Y., June 6, 1910.

Mr. Park:—I have taken your Floral Magazine for ten months, and value it highly for its instruction in flower culture, and for acquainting us with flower names. Katie Weedland.
Whatcom Co., Wash., Sept. 26, 1910.

Mr. Park:— I have been a subscriber almost continuously since away back in the early '70s, and cannot do without Park's Floral Magazine.
Henry Co., Ind. Sept. 19, 1910. L. Heacock.

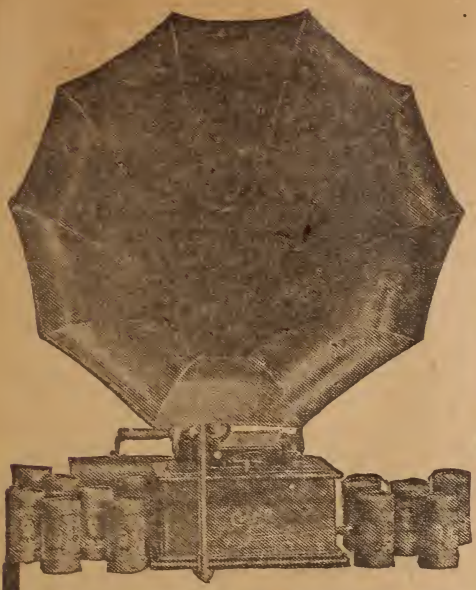
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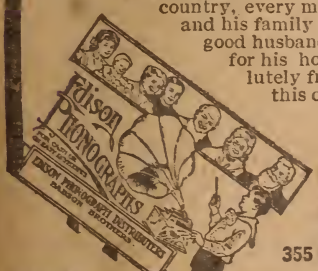
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Begonias, Coleus, Cactus for Calceolaria, Gloxinia, Pelargoniums. Mrs. J. Kenny, California, Ky., R. 1.

Wintergreen, Sassafras, etc. for Dahlias, Pæonies or Iris. U R. Perrine. Gen. Del., Detroit, Mich.

A California Cat.—Away out in California, where they have discarded the cat as a rat exterminator, and are destroying the vermin by the thousands with poison and traps to stay the bubonic plague, comes a paper called the Anaheim Gazette, from which the following note is clipped:



Roswell Franz lost thirteen canaries and two love birds from his aviary on Friday night, when they fell victims to a cat, which effected an entrance into the large cage in which they were kept. The head of one of the canaries, together with a bunch of feathers, was all that was left of them the next morning. For one of the canaries Roswell had refused $10, and he counts his total loss at $40. The cat belonged to a neighbor.

In the eastern States the cat is largely used to destroy rats and mice that suffer from many contagious diseases. Why not use it to destroy the subjects of the bubonic plague? Echo answers "Why".

From Massachusetts.—Mr. Park:—As the time has come again for me to renew my subscription to the Floral Magazine, I will now send the amount, also the renewal of a friend of mine, whose name and address you will find on the enclosed list, together with my own. As each year comes around I find I cannot do without the little Magazine—little in size but big in interesting and helpful matter. I think it grows better all the time, I find so much in it that helps me in my garden raising and caring for my flowers, and the letters of your journey in foreign parts so delightfully told make it a journal of rare interest.

Norfolk Co., Mass. Mrs. L. B. Zastre.

From Maine.—Mr. Park:—I am a lover of flowers, and take great pleasure in reading your Magazine. I have taken it for 14 years. I have the Begonia Mrs. Davis, with leaves 17 inches across, and stems 17 inches long. It bloomed last spring, the flower-stalk was 24 inches in height. I received it of you one year ago.

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QUESTION AND ANSWER.

Fern Pest.—Mr. Park:—Please tell me how to kill worms that eat my Ferns.—Ora Billingsley. Fla., Sept. 15, 1910.

Ans.—Dust the fronds with fresh powdered hellebore. This is a poison when applied, but contact with the air will soon make it harmless. Two or more applications may be necessary to be effectual.

Lilac and Rose.—Mr. Park:—I have a Lilac bush that is thrifty and full of leaves, but it does not bloom. I also have a Rose that produces buds every season, but most of them turn black and drop off. How shall I treat these plants?—S. H., Cass Lake, Minn., Sept. 19, 1910.

Ans.—Apply a good coat of fresh-slaked lime to the surface soil about the bushes, then stir it in. As a rule this will bring the soil into a healthy condition for the use of the plants.

Jasmine.—Mr. Park:—I have had a yellow Jasmine for several years. It grows about six feet high during the summer, but during winter the tops die to the ground. It has never had a bloom on it. Can I protect it this winter so that it will bloom next year?—Mrs. F. F. Rice, Tenn.

Ans.—The tops are doubtless injured by starting to grow early, and then being subject to a severe frost. An application of coal ashes at the roots about New Year's might prevent early growth; or, the tops might be kept dormant by bending them to the ground and covering them with a coat of pure sand. In this case they would have to be lifted as soon as danger from frost is past. If the tops were encased in rye straw secured to turn rain, the straw being applied about the holidays, and removed in spring, it would doubtless overcome the trouble.

Old Perennials.—Mr. Park:—In the old home garden we had a double yellow-flowered perennial called Buttercup. Can you give its true name? Another plant with panicles of small fragrant flowers we called Summer Lilac. I have never seen it any where else. Still another we called Tea Plant or Jasmine. It grew three feet high, and had tiny, fragrant, lilac-colored flowers on long, wavy, prickly stems. I would like to know the true names of these plants.—Mrs. Mellis, Minn.

Ans.—The "Buttercup" was probably Ranunculus acris fl. pl., a spring-blooming plant with compact, double, shining, golden flowers the size of a dime. The "Summer Lilac" may have been the old Garden Heliotrope, known in catalogues as Valerian or Valerinella. The "Tea Plant or Jasmine" may have been Lycium vulgare.

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Mrs. Richards.

Atoka Co., Okla., May 30, 1910.

CHILDREN'S CORNER.

Dear Mr. Park:—A brown bird (Thrush) which mimicks other birds' cries and songs, nests near our house. We have no cat. Mother will not have any for fear it will take our breath. She knows of two cases. A young lady of 17 years awakened just in time to push the cat away and save her life; and another where the mother heard the baby choke, and had to tear the cat away, as it had fastened a claw in the side of a little cheek. The scar is there now. We have a lot of birds that come all around our house.

Leonora R. Bartlett.

Charlevoix Co., Mich., June 15, 1910.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a farm girl and read many Magazines, but like yours best. Will exchange postals. Flora Patrick.

Vilonia, Ark., R. 4., July 2, 1910.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little girl of ten years, and live on a farm. I am very fond of flowers and birds. There is a robin knocks on our window every year for about a week. Write me.

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Ambrosia Mexicana, fragrant foliage, useful for cutting; very handsome.

Anchusa Capensis, rich blue flowers in scorpoid racemes, handsome and showy.

Argemone mixed, a prickly plant two feet high, with large, showy Poppy-like flowers.

Artemisia annua, the Sweet Fern, lovely for bouquets; grows three to five feet tall.

Cacalia, Flora's Paint-Brush, mixed, red and yellow brush-like flowers, of easy culture.

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Collinsia verna, a very beautiful native flower, rarely seen; flowers blue and white, in profusion.

Delphinium Dwarf Rocket, long spikes of double bloom a foot high; white, blue, carmine, etc. Mixed.

Delphinium Stock-flowered, three feet high, branching. Each branch a wreath of lovely double white, red and blue flowers; very showy and beautiful.

Echium Vulgare, a Boragewort, known as Vipers Buglos; violet buds, blue flowers.

Erysimum compactum, fragrant golden flowers in profusion; makes showy bed.

Eutoca Viscida, mixed, lovely little plants; flowers blue, white, &c.

Lupinus Hirsutus, a foot high; pea-like blue, white and rose flowers; mixed.

Myosotis, Forget-me-not, mixed, charming plants six inches high; clusters of blue, white and red flowers; mixed.

Malope grandiflora, showy and pretty hardy annuals; flowers cupped, white, purple and rose; mixed.

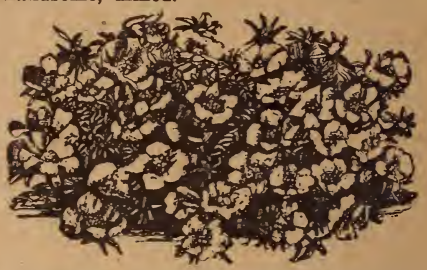
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Pansy, superb, large-flowered, large, fine flowers of all the shades and colors; very handsome; mixed.



Portulaca, large-flowered, single and double; all the shades and colors mixed.

Poppy, Improved Dwarf Shirley, all the new shades, lovely, showy flowers; mixed.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Persimmon.—I have a nice, large Persimmon Tree which is full of blossoms every spring, but they all fall off. What must I do to prevent this?—Mrs. Maudleho, Ky., Sept. 18, 1910.

Ans.—The Persimmon (Diospyros Virginiana) is known among botanists as a Polygamous tree, because its flowers are of two kinds, staminate and pistilate, and borne either on the same or different individuals. The staminate flowers mostly show 16 stamens while the pistillate ones have besides the 4 styles, 8 stamens with steril anthers. If the enquirer's tree bears flowers with 16 stamens she should have most of the branches grafted with grafts from a tree that bears fruit. If the flowers show only 8 stamens with steril anthers she should have three or four branches grafted with scions from a tree bearing flowers with 16 fertile stamens. This will make the tree productive of fruit. Occasionally a Persimmon tree is found that bears seedless, or almost seedless fruit. This is due to the flowers being more or less imperfect in character, or to imperfect fertilization. As the seeds when perfected are bulky and make up a large portion of the fruit, the seedless Persimmon is regarded as a desideration, and the nurserymen should propagate his stock with that quality in view.

Violets.—Can you tell me why Violet buds seem to bury themselves in the ground and turn into seed-pods without flowering? Would like to know a remedy.—E.C.Zimmer, Pa., Sept. 20, 1910.

Ans.—It is one of the mysteries of Nature that most of the Violet species begin to bear petalless (apetalous) flowers as the hot weather approaches, and often keep up the habit throughout the summer. No scientist has yet determined the cause, nor suggested a remedy. It is known, however, that the seeds produced by these flowers are fertile, although they lack the cross fertilization regarded by some as necessary to the productiveness of the early flowers.

Lavateria trimestris.—I enclose a flower to name. The seeds are like the Hollyhock. It will live throughout the winter. My plants are started in the house early, then transplanted. They make a very pretty bed, blooming throughout the season, not growing very tall.—Mrs.Mary Small, Locke, N. Y. Sept. 19, 1910.

Ans.—The name is Lavateria trimestris. The plant is an annual, belonging to the Mallow family. It is of easy culture, and should be more popular.

MAGAZINE APPRECIATED.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a new subscriber, but I simply am delighted with the Floral Magazine. I just devour its contents almost the day I receive it. Mrs. J. R. Sherouse.
Pasco Co., Fla., May 28, 1910.

Mr. Park.—I have been a subscriber to your Magazine for several months. I cannot tell you how much I enjoy it. I do not think I can ever do without it. Mrs. Lina B. Smith.
Lincoln Co., Miss., Aug. 25, 1910.

Mr. Park.—Of all the flower papers or Magazines that come to our table, yours is the most helpful. It is the one that I feel is written entirely in the interest of its readers, and does not cater to the interest of any seed dealer. In reading it I find so many helpful hints, and feel much as if each communition were a personal letter. Your plant exchange found me a lovely friend in Louisiana. Mrs. C. E. Harris.
Darke Co., Ohio, July 4, 1910.

QUESTIONS.

List of Plants.—Will someone give me a list of hardy plants that will bloom profusely during late August and early September. I want the flowers for cutting.—Mrs.Mary Small, Locke, N. Y., Sept. 19, 1910.

Lady Slipper.—I have a wild and also a tame Lady Slipper, but neither of them bloom. How shall I treat them?—Mrs. M. C. S., Iowa.

Roses.—Will someone living in Montana tell me how to treat my Roses? They die off after I get them started.—Mrs. MacF., Fergus Co.,Mont.

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Why leave the farm where you are sure
To breathe the air that's always pure,
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Why leave the farm, oh think, my boy,
How city life robs you of joy,
And brings you things that will annoy,
Why leave the farm?

Why leave the farm, oh now be wise,
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IN THE GARDEN.

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For I am fat and you are lean,
And this is charming weather."

Says Indian Corn to Early Rose.
"What will we have for dinner?"
"Fried artichokes and capertoes,
With apple sauce made thinner."

Says Celery Soup to Salsify:
"I think we are related,
For I can boil and you can fry
When dinner is belated."

Says Pumpkinface to Crookedneck:
"Let's frighten Polly Pepper."
Says Granther Sage to Onionpeck:
"Let's go and eat our supper."

Says Cabbagehead to Parsniptop:
"My heart is like a feather."
Says Caraway to Mustardcrop:
"Let's fly away together."

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MY MA.

I love my Ma, she's mighty good,
And keeps me in a cheerful mood;
She makes for me the lovely pies,
And for my comfort always tries
Her level best to please me, too,
So I've no cause to fret and stew.
When I bump my head she'll kiss it then,
And it gets well the quicker, when
She kisses all my hurts and bumps,
And beats our good old Doctor Rumps.
There's so much 'bout my Ma to love,
'Twould reach from here to heaven above,
To write her goodness in a line,
For Ma's love's deeper than a mine.
So when I'm big, Lord help me to
Do all, yes all that I can do,
To pay my Mamma back some day,
Though, yet, in full, I couldn't pay.

St. Louis, Mo., July 10, 1910. Albert Vassar.

CHILDREN'S CORNER.

Dear Mr. Park:—My mamma has taken your Magazine for many years, and I love flowers and birds very much. But, Mr. Park, I love my kitty, too. She is slick and fat and kind-natured. We have never known her to catch a bird, but she makes the rats and mice hunt for safety, and they seldom get away from her.

Velma Moose, aged 9.

Scrota, Ill., April 21, 1910.

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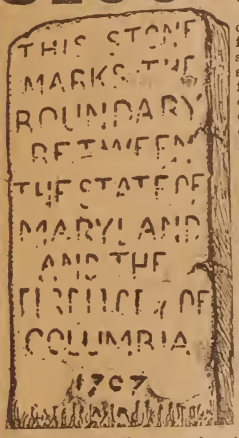
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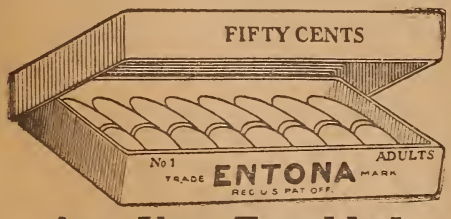
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CORRESPONDENCE.

From California. — Mr. Park: — I always welcome your Magazine, and get many serviceable pointers from its perusal. I write from Ocean City, California, where ceaselessly rolls the great Pacific. Being in the frostless belt, we are always in the midst of a grand array of flowers. The mercury goes to about 70° in summer, and the vegetable gardens last from year to year. We always have such things as Peppers, Tomatoes and a variety of Squashes. Many of these have stems several years old. E. W. King, Sr.
San Diego Co., Cal., Aug. 16, 1910.

Weevil in Beans.— To avoid bean-weevil plant the beans in mid-summer, after the insect that deposits the eggs has disappeared. If beans come into bearing in summer, the eggs are laid inside the forming pods, and as soon as hatched the young weevil bores through and enters the bean where it develops. If the beans are shelled as soon as ripe, then placed in an oven and heated to a temperature of 145 Fahrenheit the weevil will be destroyed before it is large enough to injure the bean.



From New York.—Mr. Park:—Would you like me to describe our home? It is called the Blossom Farm, and the name is most appropriate, for we have blossoms from the time of the earliest Snowdrops and Crocuses till the latest Chrysanthemums, and the Christmas Roses blooming under the snow. West and north of the house are orchard and apiaries, but east and south are the lawn and garden space. Close to the west side of the house are Persian Lilac and pink Honeysuckle bushes, fifty years old and more, which are a riot of billowy bloom every spring. The bushes are the largest I have ever seen, measuring over 15 feet in height, 14 feet across. Sandwiched in are Forsythia (Golden Bells), scarlet Japan Quince, and old-fashioned white Lilacs, while beyond, the great Catalpas don their green and show their panicles of bloom.


CHRISTMAS ROSE.

Southeast of the house, shade is furnished by a monarch Maple, and bordering the street are old-fashioned purple Lilacs, Philadelphus and Blush Roses, shadowed by Black Cherry trees and graceful Elms, which, with the Willows and Ash trees on the opposite side of the road form an arch over the little bridge that spans the winding creek. From south windows of the parlor we look out on the Deutzias (gracilis and crenata), and the old-fashioned Roses, Cabbage, Pink Moss and Mochican. Nearer the windows, and climbing against them are two Rambler Roses, pink and white, and at the corner is a purple Wistaria. Yellow Japonicas were set out between these climbers, but they have taken such possession that we are only waiting for their gold to tarnish before we banish them to a corner of the lawn, where they may have full sway. What Dandelion-like munificence of bloom the Japs do yield! At the east end of the the porch are the stately Tiger Lilies. Here also are the Crimson Rambler, Morning Glories and great clumps of Hollyhocks; and farther back, toward the northeast, the white Lilac and white Honeysuckle trees nod in the breeze. Later in summer the Golden Glow (Rudbeckia) shines out in sunny splendor near these trees.


DAFFODIL.

Now you haven't space nor I time to tell of all

the posies in this big old yard, of the borders of Daffies and Narcissus, rods of Lilies of the Valley, Tulips, Ixias and Hyacinths, flaunting Pæonies, Perennial Poppies, Roses, Weigela, Spireas and Snowballs, and all the old-fashioned and new-fashioned flower-pets that four generations of "B's" have gathered together here; but just a few words more and I will close. The Day Lilies



DAY LILY.

are in clumps, scattered about wherever the ladies of the garden of past generations found favorable places for digging, lemon, purple, lavender and white, all in great profusion. Tall white Madonna Lilies in beds vie with these in fragrance, and one row of forty Melpomenes stands flanked by lacy Ferns at the right as we walk down the path to the street. The Iris, all the colors we have been able to get, border the spring run which bubbles out mid-way of the garden, and flows eastward to the creek through the pasture-lot, where the Wild Iris, pale blue and royal purple, jostle with the Buttercups under the great trees. These are not half the blossoms, but this may give you an inkling of the beauty which causes the autoists to slow down, and turn delighted eyes in the direction of Blossom Farm.

Myra S. Barnes.

Blossom Farm, Niagara Co., N. Y., July 7, 1910.

From Montana. — On account of my ill health, we are passing the summer in Montana, three thousand feet above the sea, where the air is dry, and where there has been no rain since April 21st, except two or three showers. The days are hot and the nights almost too breezy. Crops are almost burned up by the intense heat, except where irrigation is used. Improved land is high in price, and unimproved land is ridiculously high. Living expenses are beyond belief. But only one railroad, the Great Northern, passes here, and their rates are so high that we cannot save by sending orders abroad. There is little demand for labor here, and food stuff is much more expensive than in the East and middle West. Clothing is fully one half more, and shoes twice as much as in Chicago.

To any who think of coming here, I would say, buy your ticket through to the coast, it will cost no more, and you will find a delightful climate on the coast. Anywhere from Seattle to San Francisco they have rich soil, plenty of rain, wages are better, and living expenses decidedly less than here. They have no cold winters there and no hot, dusty, rainless summers to burn things up, while the sound of "Old Ocean" in the distance, soothes the nerves and brings refreshing sleep. Surely we need to hear more of Northern California from those who live there.

A Minister's Wife.

Kalispell, Mont., Aug. 3, 1910.

QUESTIONS.

Asters.—My Asters grew well the past season, but failed to bloom. They were not troubled by lice or other insects. Why did they not bloom? —Mrs. Mellis, Minn., Sept. 20, 1910.

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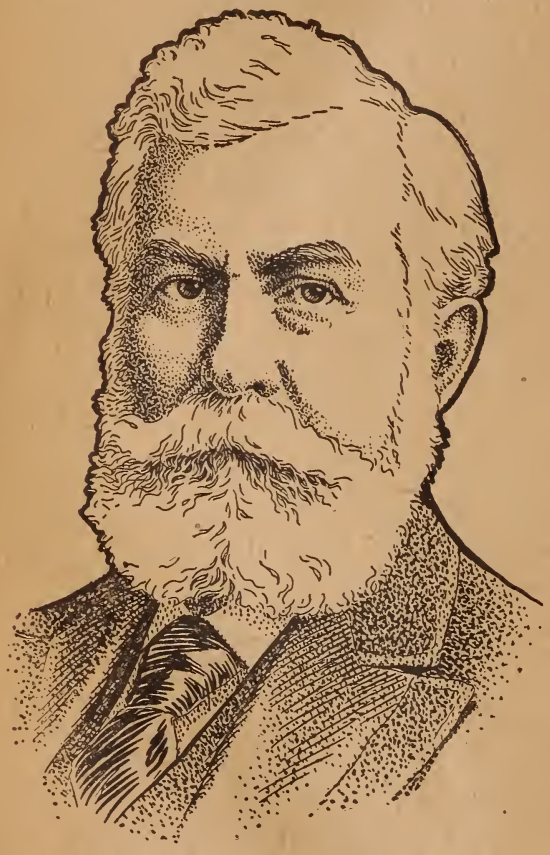
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Otto Bauman.

Brookland, Pa., June 13, 1910.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little farm girl of six years. I am a flower-lover, and sister and I have some red and yellow Tulips. We have two little calves and a mule colt.

Lillian Wilkerson.

Bates City, Mo., Apr. 21, 1910.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a country girl of 13 years, and I find ever so many nice things in your Magazine. I am going to have a lot of flowers this year, and will write about them later. Almina Green.

Eagle Bend, Minn., April 20, 1910.

Bird Boxes.—Dear Mr. Park:—I am a girl 13 years old. We have no cats, as they killed the little song-birds. I made a box for the birds out of a large cigar-box as follows: I cut a round hole in the front as large as a quarter, and put two roosts in the box. I nailed the box to our shed in the rear of the house, and a pair of Wrens built their nest there. The couple sing every day, early in the morning, late at night, and all day long. They fly around in the apple trees and have a nice time. There are a few robins around here, but most of all, the English sparrow; but the Wrens are the best singers. I hope some other children will make nests like I did. Be sure not to make the hole larger than a silver quarter, for then a sparrow could get in and occupy the nest. If the hole is the size of a quarter, a sparrow cannot get in, and the Wrens are safe. Anna L. Prinzham.

South Bend, Ind., June 28, 1910.

Not Cat-hater, but Bird-lover.—Among the Gooseberry bushes in our garden, brown Thrushes made their nest and laid four speckled eggs therein. Each morning we would see them flying around near the house, or hopping over the ground, and when at work in the garden how they did cheer me! My little girl came running in one morning with the poor bird half eaten. It had fallen a victim to a prowling cat. Searching near the bushes we found one egg on the ground and three in the nest, but no mother to care for the home. We have no cats; we have not had any for years. But there is a prowling, mean one that comes around almost every night, and that did the work. So far we have not had a chance to shoot it, but we will before the season is over, if it keeps up its night prowling.

Tax the cats, so they will be as expensive as taxicables, and I trust much scarcer. A good cat, taken care of, is all right in its place, but for one such there are 50 sneaky bird-eaters We can all get along much better without cats. Many of the poor, half-starved, abused creatures would be better off if put mercifully out of existence.

Newport, Ind., Aug. 6, 1910. E. C.

Flower Beggars.—Dear Flower Folks:—In regard to flower beggars I will say, that I am never happier than when dividing my flowers with friends or those who appreciate them. But when utter strangers simply make demands, not requests, I simply get wrathy. Mrs. R. has not seen as much of the bother such flower beggars make as I have, or she would not be telling about the "sisterhood of women" when discussing the matter. Marian.

Gunniston Co., Col., Aug. 27, 1910.

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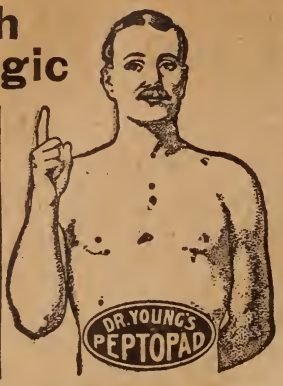
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Mr. Park:—I am a shut-in most of the time, and I cannot help but love the flowers and birds. I am sure our Heavenly Father put them here for our enjoyment, and I often go to the door the first thing in the morning to talk to the dear birds and to enjoy the beauty and fragrance of the flowers. I love to watch the birds and hear them sing to me from the top bough of the tree near my door. Truly it makes me sick and faint to see a cat catch one of the beautiful songsters. But I know some cats can be taught to let the birds alone, and a cat should not be allowed to run at large until its bird-killing propensities have been overcome. And I have no patience with those who encourage the slaughter of birds by wearing them for personal adornment. How a woman who claims to be a Christian can decorate her hat with a dear little bird, is more than I can understand. If every woman would say firmly that no bird should decorate her hat, there would be no sale for the cruelly murdered little birds. It makes my heart ache to see a bird, or even a wing on a hat. I always think of the awful suffering of the dear little innocent creature, that had as much right to life and enjoyment as we. I can never see any beauty or pleasure in anything that will cause anybody or anything suffering or sorrow. Mrs. C. V. Mead.

Waupaca, Wis., Apr. 22, 1910.

Note.—If our friends would stop to think upon the bird-side of the cat and bird controversy, few of them who are partial to the cat would fail to see the matter in an altogether different light. Suppose some big bird had a propensity for catching and eating cats, and every year should pounce down upon some household cat, kill it and eat it, would you think that bird had a right to life? Doubtless every owner of a cat would be an enemy of that bird. But here is the cat that kills, on a low average, per year ten birds. Is it right that it should be allowed to roam where it pleases, day and night? It seems to make a difference "upon which foot the shoe pinches".—Ed.

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Mr. Park:—Your Magazine is getting better all the time, and your descriptions of Germany are so interesting. You were not through Sweden, were you? That is my native place. The Lily of the Valley grows wild there, and as children we picked them literally by the bushel. I long to see them as they grew there once more. * * * I killed my cat last spring, and the robins patrolled my garden and picked all the cut worms, and were as tame as some chickens. How I enjoy them. This year there are great flocks of them around here in the woods. We have never seen them in such numbers before. I shall never keep a cat again, that's certain,- thanks to you.

Mrs. J. B. Wren.

Saint Louis Co., Minn., May 4, 1910.

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But continued all night long.

I listened then at eventide,
To the call of the Whip poor-will,
For she heeded not the fairy voice,
But sang with the Nightingale.

At last the morning sun appeared,
And the Dusky Queen withdrew,
And I heard no more the songs of night,
Till the lapse of another day.

Shelby, Neb. Mrs. Clyde Babcock.

BRIEF ANSWERS.

Sedum Acre.—A sister in Oklahoma asks for the name of a moss-like plant with yellow flowers called Crowfoot in old gardens. She doubtless refers to Sedum Acre.

Begonia Buds Dropping.—When buds of Tuberous Begonia drop, it is evidence that the soil is tenacious, not well-drained, and kept too freely watered.

Eupatorium Ageratoides.—Mr. Park:—I enclose a bit of wild flower I find growing freely along the hedges, and by the roadside. The flowers are white, in clusters, last well, and I think they are so pretty. What is it?

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CHILDREN'S CORNER.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a girl 12 years old, and live on a farm 13 miles from Dade City I am fond of birds and flowers. My Papa takes your Magazine and likes it very much. Postals exchanged.
Amelia, Fla., Aug. 8th, 1910. Mae Dowling.

Dear Mr. Park:—As Papa is renewing his subscription I will write and tell you of my double white Geranium, it had 25 clusters of bloom on at one time, and is beautiful. Brother has a Fuchsia bearing 300 buds and blossoms.
E. Pharsalia, N.Y., Sept. 12, 1910. Lottie Smith.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a boy 17 years old. I am busy picking cotton these days. I went coon-hunting last night. I did not catch any but had a good race. Protracted meeting has just closed here, I went every day and night. Postals exchanged.



Titus Parks.
Lawrence, Miss., Sept. 10, 1910.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little girl 10 years old, and live in Yellowstone County, Montana, named from the yellow rocks and bluffs. Lots of pretty wild flowers grow here—Wild Tulips with white waxy flowers, Wild Primroses with white flowers, and Wild Mignonette with cream-colored flowers. Our State flower is the Bitter Root with very deep pink flowers, it grows freely in Bitter Root Valley. Mamma has taken your Magazine for 10 years. There are a few wild birds here, but none of them pretty ones. Harriet Kellison.
Billings, Mont., May 28, 1910.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a boy 14 years old, and live in the suburbs of a city. I am fond of flowers and birds. I have a maltese cat, not a bird-killing cat. It will sit up and shake hands. I have a pet dog that is very cute. I am teaching him many tricks. I work in the garden, mow the large lawn, and make building places for birds all about the place and do not allow them to be disturbed. I am not like the boy who bragged of killing birds for his cats, the boy pictured in the June Magazine. I do not hate flowers, but I hate anyone who would do that way. The cats will help themselves enough, let alone killing birds for them.



White Hall, Ill., June 6, 1910. Ernest Nuce.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little girl 11 years old, and live on a farm on the Calcasien River. I enjoy boating on the river. We raise Corn, Oats, Potatoes, etc. We have a very fine orchard. I have a riding and driving horse. We have lots of flowers and supply the neighbors.
Overly, La., Aug. 22, 1910. Estie Lyle.

ANSWERS.

Wintering Vinca.—The variegated Vinca used in vases and for rockeries, can be easily wintered in pots in a frost-proof room.

Geranium Buds.—Some recommend pinching Geranium buds in the summer to have the plants bloom in the winter. It is better to shift the plants into larger pots when the roots are growing. This will retard blooming, and the plants will become strong and thrifty, ready to bloom freely when they become root-bound in winter.

EXCHANGES.

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THE SORROW OF BIRDS.

Dear Editor:—I love birds. They cheer us in our lonely hours by their sweet songs, and their joyful melody has often told me of their love for one another, and how happy they were. They are the poets of Nature.

But how much sorrow they have! The sad cries and plaintive notes I have heard at times told me their little breasts felt the pangs of anguish. In our northern clime, when the leaves have fallen and the ground is covered with snow, the song-birds remaining with us suffer from both cold and hunger. People crossing the sea have seen little birds hundreds of miles from land, looking in vain for the way that will lead their little worn-out bodies and tired wings to a resting place. The storm and wind had carried them away from the land where they were accustomed to rejoice and sing. What long days and sleepless nights those lost birds must have had, and how painful their long vain flight, without a guide, in their attempt to find their way back to their homeland.

When the hawks and vultures soar high I know that the birds tremble with fear. When birds glide from branch to branch enemies are searching for their nests, to destroy their offspring. When the males are away perchance a heartless sportsman takes the life of the mother. When day dawns and the missing one does not appear, how anxious and sad are the notes. Often I have heard them calling in the saddest notes for the missing one.

Truly the birds have cares and troubles and sorrows just as we, and if we would study their habits and acquaint ourselves with their griefs, our sympathy for them would be far greater than it now is. If I had the gift of a poet I would gladly use my talents in awakening a deeper interest in the welfare of our little songsters, and thus aid in fostering these little friends that are fast disappearing under the hand of the ruthless destroyers.

Minnie Mills.

Sabetha, Kan., Apr. 15, 1910.

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GEO. W. PARK,

LaPark, Pa., November 1910.

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Sing a song of chickens,
Scratching 'round the yard,
Though they seem quite busy,
Work is never hard.



Sing a song of roosters,
Crowing at the dawn,
Soon the hens are scattered,
All around the lawn.



Sing a song of kittens,
Which are very spry,
Playing 'round the kitchen,
Pleasing Jane and I.



Sing a song of rabbits,
Hopping through the rails,
Or the walls or hedges,
With the "white tip" tails.

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